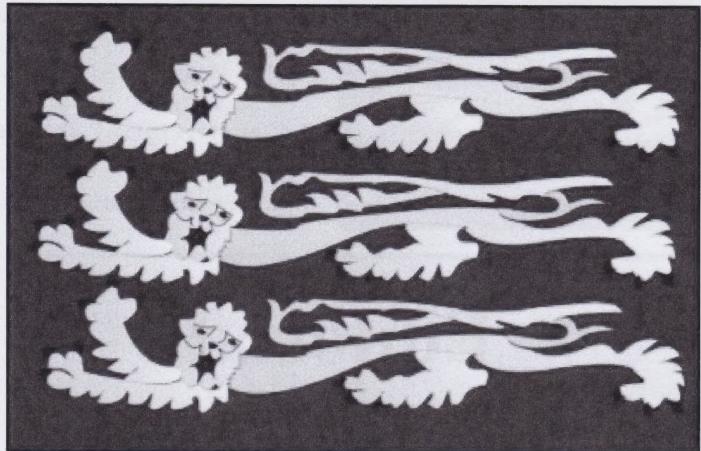


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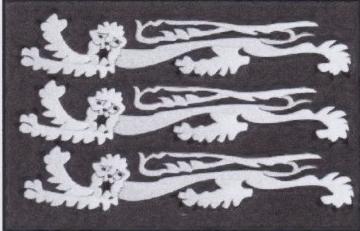
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Editorial

Welcome to issue 48 of *Heritage and Destiny*. It was great to meet a number of *H&D* subscribers during February, first at the "unity" meeting in Bradford and then at the anti-IRA demo in Liverpool, both of which are covered in 'Movement News'. I don't go to as many events as I used to. However, my New Year's resolution is to get out and about to more activities up and down the country, in what should be a very interesting year for the nationalist movement.

Even those of you who are not football (soccer to our American readers!) fans, must be getting sick and tired of the media's anti-white campaign against certain players. And isn't it because the FA is run by liberal-left types pushing their humourless agenda, that a joke in bad taste gets blown out of all proportion?

So you get a three-match ban for breaking someone's leg and an eight-match ban for 'racism' (calling rival players naughty names). It would be pathetic if it were two five-year-olds in the playground, but for everyone else to start jumping on the FA inspired bandwagon is beyond ridiculous. But I suppose, it's what you should expect, when the middle class Establishment starts involving itself in what was a working class game. They become more interested in pushing their own agenda than the game itself, believing as they do, that the working class is essentially a bunch of brainless bigots.

So what's happening with poor old John Terry? The former England football captain will now stand trial for alleged racist abuse on 9th July, after the final of the European Championship. The Chelsea skipper is alleged to have made racist comments towards black Queen's Park Rangers player Anton Ferdinand during a match in October 2011. A not guilty plea was entered on Mr Terry's behalf at Westminster Magistrates' Court. He will now stand trial just eight days after the European Championship has finished.

To make matters worse, England now go into the European championships without a manager after Fabio Capello (an Italian!) quit after being told by the

FA that he could not pick John Terry as the England team captain. Capello, apart from being an excellent football manager, is a man of principle. He walked out on his £6,000,000 a year job, as he was not going to be told who he can or cannot pick, because of some trumped up racism charge.

In a continuation of the PC disaster rolling over the England football team, we now see the caretaker manager Stuart Pearce facing the same disgraceful witch hunt and the wrath of the liberal/left press. So what cardinal sins has Stuart Pearce committed you may well wonder? It is alleged that he made a "racist comment" to Paul Ince during a football match in 1994 – yes, eighteen years ago he might or might not have said something that could have been offensive to another football player! What utter madness and that anyone would consider this relevant now – or indeed then – is beyond me. Footballers like anybody else banter, they argue, they intimidate and yes they do on occasion get a little abusive to one another, that is the nature of sport at any level never mind right at the top of the game.

But that is not the real issue with Pearce – oh no... The big issue apparently is that his brother Dennis stood as a candidate for the British National Party in the 2009 European elections! So what has that got to do with Stuart Pearce you might ask? Furthermore, what exactly is the problem with anyone standing for election for a legal, political party which at the time had the support of over a million British voters?

After the European championships are over (we get knocked out in the quarter finals by Ireland, who in turn get knocked out in the semis by the all white fascist Spain – who go onto win the tournament again!) and hopefully John Terry has been found not guilty, Stuart Pearce can go back to managing the England under 21 side or perhaps become a BNP candidate like his brother! England can then start looking for another foreign manager. Can we suggest another Italian – Paolo Di Canio – who is doing an excellent job at Swindon Town. White working football fans would love him. However, I doubt the FA and media would be too keen!

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Paving the Road from Ankara to Brussels — a policy of madness

On several occasions since becoming Prime Minister, David Cameron has expressed his support for Turkey's application for full membership of the EU, and has thus pledged to "pave the road from Ankara to Brussels". He criticises those who oppose Turkish membership by accusing them of wilfully misunderstanding Islam and playing on the fears evoked by that creed. Such a statement causes me to wonder if he has ever read or understands the Koran. If he is unable to understand that fanciful and bloodthirsty work, he should read *Why I am not a Muslim* by Ibn Warraq, a former Muslim, who now describes himself as a secular humanist, and believes that "all religions are sick men's dreams – demonstrably false – and pernicious".

Whatever one's religious beliefs may be, no-one who diligently reads both the New Testament and the Koran can fail to note the difference between Jesus and Mohammad; the former motivated by pure love, the latter a warlord and mass murderer.

Why, then, is Mr Cameron so keen to let Turkey join the EU? Does he not realize that Turkey's accession would have grave consequences, for all Europe, including the UK? Turkey's inclusion would provide yet another Trojan Horse further enabling Islamic hordes' penetration into Christian Europe. This has been Turkey's ambition ever since the days of the Ottoman Empire.

Has Mr Cameron no care for the damaging effect that the large numbers of Muslim immigrants here are already having on Britain? It appears not. The present dire situation is also much exacerbated by the immigrants' high birth rates. Allowing more Turks to settle here, which we shall be powerless to prevent if Turkey becomes a member of the EU, will inevitably add to these problems. It seems that Mr Cameron and his ilk are determined to accomplish the demise, if not the extinction, of the British Race.

Let us take a closer look at Turkey, which claims to be a democratic, secular, unitary, constitutional republic.

For a start, democracy in Turkey is extremely fragile and depends for its existence almost entirely on the consent of its military leaders. The Turkish armed forces are the second largest in NATO, after the US. That presents a danger that inevitably causes alarm in European countries.

Turkey's claim that it is part of Europe is spurious, since 90 per cent of its landmass is not in Europe, but in Asia Minor. Historically, Turkey's relationship with Europe is marred by invasions and conquests inflicted by the Ottoman Empire, of which Turkey is a remnant. After the Ottoman collapse, Turkey is remembered by its victims and their descendants for the repeated bloodcurdling incursions into European countries in its attempts to impose Turkish rule and Islamic beliefs on Europe's largely Christian population. The victims of Turkish conquests were subjected to sickening holocausts, massacres and rapine, while survivors were forced by their oppressors to live in an abject state of Dhimmitude, which, even today, is the status of non-Muslims living under Islamic rule.

Turkey's claim to be a secular state is equally bogus. In reality, it is a ploy giving the impression it complies with the required criteria for EU membership. In this context, it is relevant to record that Turkey's current Prime Minister, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, wrote a poem containing the lines:

The mosques are our barracks, the domes our helmets, the minarets our bayonets and the faithful our soldiers...

Latest research figures indicate that the Turkish population consists of between 97 and 98 per cent Muslims or people of Muslim background. Non-Muslims, whom Turkish Muslims derogatorily regard as *giaours*, suffer from widespread discrimination. This is particularly true of the Christian and Kurdish minorities.

Another point to bear in mind is that Turkey has the second largest population of all the European countries other than Germany. This means that if Turkey becomes a member, under the EU's present system of Qualified Majority Voting, Turkey could, and probably would, skew voting outcomes in its own favour.

No country has a worse history for barbarity towards its neighbours than Turkey. Turkish crimes over the centuries are legion. Even if we consider crimes perpetrated in relatively recent times, there is ample evidence of the endemic brutality of the Turk. There is not space enough here to give more than a brief mention of a few of these.

The first atrocity that springs to mind is that which Gladstone dubbed the 'Bulgarian Horrors'. American correspondent J. A. MacGahan vividly reported the scale of the bestiality and sheer inhumanity the Turks inflicted on the Bulgarian village of Batak in the *London Daily News* of 22 August 1876. MacGahan's report begins:

Nothing has yet been said of the Turks that I do not now believe; nothing could be said of them that I should not think probable and likely. There is, it seems, a point of atrocity beyond which discrimination is impossible, when mere comparison, calculation, measurement are out of the question, and this point the Turks have already passed.

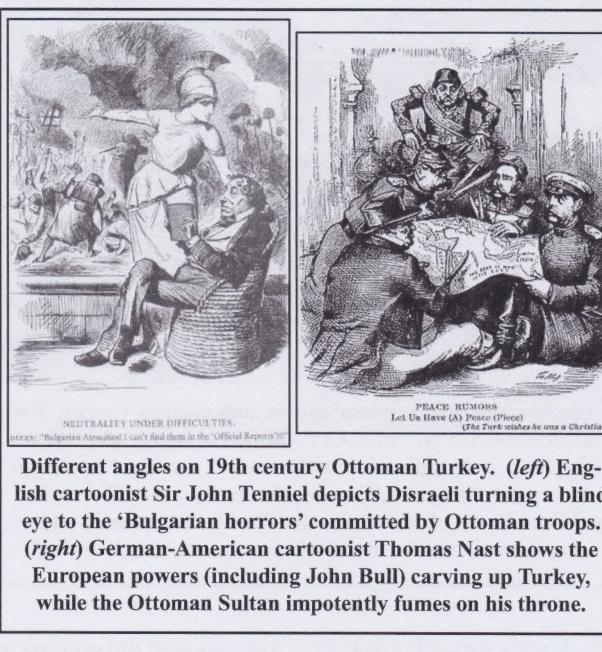
MacGahan goes on to relate how outside the village he and his companions came upon a piece of ground that was covered with skeletons and bones strewn in every direction, where "dogs had carried them off to gnaw them at their leisure...the articles of clothing intermingled with them and lying about were all women's and girls' apparel...the skeletons were nearly all headless. These women had been beheaded."

This horrific treatment is typical of the Islamic attitude towards women, especially non-Muslim women; MacGahan describes the Turks' treatment of the Bulgarian women as follows:

They would seize a woman, strip her carefully to her chemise, laying aside any articles of clothing that were valuable with any ornaments and jewels she might have about her. Then as many as cared would violate her, and the last man would kill her or not as the humour took him.

Children were treated no better. According to MacGahan, they were often spitted on bayonets. Witnesses reported seeing babies carried about the streets on bayonet points. This savagery was not confined only to women and children. Turks were not averse to violating men and boys. In his *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, T. E. Lawrence describes how, after being captured spying by Turks at Dera'a in 1917, he was raped by the local Bey who, after he had finished with him, handed him over to the guards for more of the same.

The Turks' disregard for the life of 'infidels', or *giaours*, is not surprising; for it is a tenet of Islam that when a Muslim has killed a certain number of infidels he is sure of Paradise, however many sins he may have committed. The Prophet told them to "Slay the unbelievers wheresoever ye find them"; and again, the Koran enjoins all Muslims to fight and kill non-believers: "When you meet the unbelievers, strike off their



Different angles on 19th century Ottoman Turkey. (left) English cartoonist Sir John Tenniel depicts Disraeli turning a blind eye to the 'Bulgarian horrors' committed by Ottoman troops. (right) German-American cartoonist Thomas Nast shows the European powers (including John Bull) carving up Turkey, while the Ottoman Sultan impotently fumes on his throne.

heads; then when you have made wide slaughter among them, carefully tie up the remaining captives."

Apart from the 'Bulgarian Horrors', Turkey was responsible for even worse massacres. Information about these can be found in Serge Trifkovic's remarkable book, *The Sword of the Prophet*. Trifkovic provides graphic details of Turkish massacres of Armenians that occurred in Bayazid (1877), Alashgurd (1879), Sassun (1894), Constantinople (1896), Adana (1909) and Armenia itself (1895-1896). These atrocities accounted for the deaths of 200,000 Armenians. To add to Turkey's appalling reputation, is the slaughter of Christians in Alexandria in 1881 and the intentional famine the Turks artificially created in 1915-1916 in Lebanon and Syria to cause the deaths of over 100,000 Maronite Christians.

Worse than all these horrifying events, was the Turkish genocidal massacre of Armenians in 1915, a full account of which is described in a report compiled by Lord Bryce, a former British Ambassador to the United States. In this outrage, most of the Armenian men killed were despatched quickly by shooting or hanging; they suffered much less than their women-folk and children who became mere chattels of the Turks. The younger and prettier women and girls became playthings to slake their lust. Those so favoured were forced to convert to Islam. These distressing and outrageous acts of inhumanity recounted in the Bryce Report are simply too many and too frightful to repeat here. It has been reliably estimated that as many as 1.5 million Armenians died during the Turkish massacres and forced deportations.

Despite the universal condemnation of their atrocities, the Turks seemingly had no intention of mending their ways. During the Greco-Turkish War (1919-1922) under the leadership of Mustafa Kemal (Ataturk), the Turks were responsible for launching a holocaust against Armenian and Greek Christians that resulted in the burning of Smyrna (now Izmir) and 300,000 of its inhabitants. Accounts of Smyrna's fate and its aftermath are given in a number of studies, particularly Marjorie Dobkin's *Smyrna 1922: The Destruction of a City*, and *The Blight of Asia*, written in 1926 by US Consul-General to Smyrna, George Horton. It is apparent that the main causes for the Smyrna holocaust were a combination of the Turkish/Muslim ambition for territorial expansion and control of the Mesopotamian oil fields at Mosul. For inexplicable reasons, the Turks were supported in these aims by the Standard Oil Company, the American and British Governments and the League of Nations.

One particular act, which provoked worldwide denunciation, was the murder of the Metropolitan Chrysostomos, Greek Orthodox Bishop of Smyrna. According to Serge Trifkovic:

The Muslim mob fell upon him, uprooted his eyes and as he was bleeding, dragged him by his beard through the streets of the Turkish quarter, beating and kicking him. Every now and then, when he had the strength to do so, he would raise his right hand and bless his persecutors repeating, "Father forgive them". A Turk got so furious at this gesture that he cut off the Metropolitan's hand with his sword. He fell to the ground and was hacked to pieces by the angry mob.

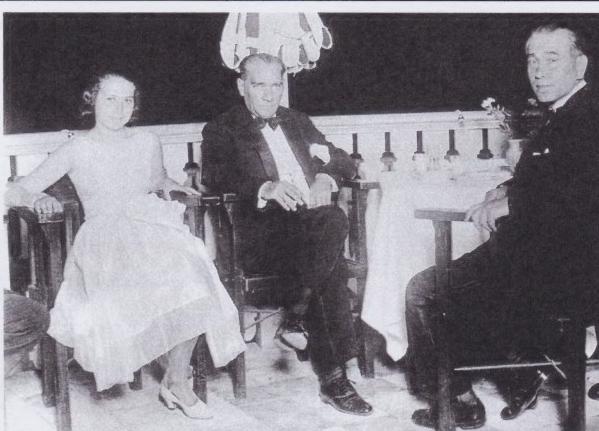
It is hard to comprehend the monstrous sadism of those Muslims. We can only assume that their religious teaching was largely responsible. Far from being the religion of peace that so many of our bleeding-heart liberals would have us believe, Islam is, and always has been, a religion of intolerance, an unending jihad. Despite the way apologists portray Islam throughout history, it was spread by the sword and is

maintained by the sword. Islamic law makes it incumbent on all fit adult males to prepare themselves for the conquest of other countries so that the writ of Islam is obeyed in every country in the world. It says, "Kill them (non-Muslims) all, put them to the sword and scatter their armies".

The Ottoman Empire was abolished by international agreement under the terms of the Treaty of Sèvres in 1920 and was succeeded by the newly created Republic of Turkey, whose boundaries were very much circumscribed. In 1923, Turkey was a signatory to the Treaty of Lausanne, by which Turkey ceded all claims to Cyprus.

Despite this, Turkey twice invaded Cyprus in 1974, and subsequently illegally occupied the northern part of the island in 1975. The Turkish armed forces then commenced the expulsion and ethnic cleansing of Greek Cypriots living there.

Sad to relate, these actions could quite easily have been repulsed by British armed forces, which were legally stationed on the British Sovereign Base Areas with full agreement of the Republic of Cyprus Government, and by Britain's strong naval presence in the Eastern Mediterranean at that time. However, such action was 'vetoed' by the German-born American-Jewish Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger. Any British Government worthy of the name should have told Kissinger to mind his own business; but with the usual cowardice we have come to expect, the flaccid British



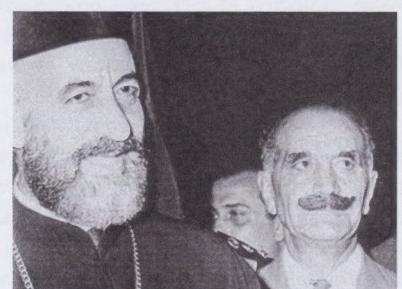
The very un-Islamic power elite of 20th century Turkey. Kemal Ataturk (centre) with Ali Fethi Okyar (right) and Okyar's daughter. At this dinner in 1930 Ataturk arranged for Okyar to create a 'democratic' opposition party – the Liberal Republican Party – but this was dissolved within months when it began to allow debate of Ataturk's secularising 'reforms'.

Government did nothing to prevent the Turkish invasions.

As a result, the dwellings of the Greek Cypriots were sequestered and allocated to Turks and Turkish Cypriots, making refugees of some 180,000 Greek Cypriots who are still denied rights of access and use of their property. 40,000 Turkish troops are now stationed on the island. In addition, 120,000 civilian Turks have been allowed to settle there, in direct contravention of Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention, which prohibits an occupying power from transferring its own civilian population to an occupied territory.

Another tenet of Islamic belief is that any territory that has ever been occupied by Muslims, even if no longer ruled by them, becomes Islamic by right in perpetuity. This was presumably Turkey's justification for invading Cyprus. However, although Cyprus has come under the control of several civilizations since ancient times, including the Mycenaean Greeks, it was brought under permanent Greek rule by Alexander the Great. After Alexander's death, full Hellenization of Cyprus took place, and this policy continued under the aegis of the Egyptian Ptolemies. During the island's 8,000 year recorded history, Ottoman-Turkish suzerainty over the island was of minimal duration compared with that of other occupiers, mainly Greek. It is a fact that Cyprus is racially, culturally, and linguistically predominantly Greek.

(left to right) Archbishop Makarios and Giorgios Grivas led Greek Cypriot resistance demanding enosis – union with Greece. Ronald Rickcord now regards their uprising as justified, though he served with the RAF fighting against them during the 1950s.



Cyprus did not come under Muslim rule until 1570 AD, when Ottoman Janissaries settled there. It remained part of the Ottoman Empire until after the Russo-Turkish War (1877-78) when, under the terms of the Treaty of San Stefano, it was leased to the British Empire, which took over its administration, though it remained *de jure*, Ottoman territory until 1914, when it was annexed by Great Britain. It became a British Crown Colony until attaining independence in 1960, though Britain has retained the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia.

In 1983, the Turkish invaders occupying Northern Cyprus declared independence for that area and named it the "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus" (TRNC). This was done unilaterally and in complete defiance of UN Security Council Resolution 541 (1983), which declared the action "legally invalid". Turkey is the only country that recognizes the TRNC. Cyprus is thus partitioned and the two separate communities are separated by what is known as the "Green Line". Owing to the TRNC's policy of ethnic cleansing, its refusal to divulge the whereabouts of 1,587 missing Greek Cypriots, the deportation of islanders, the conversion of 55 churches into mosques and the destruction of the cultural heritage of the Greek Cypriots, the European Commission of Human Rights found Turkey guilty of repeated violations in 1976 and 1983.

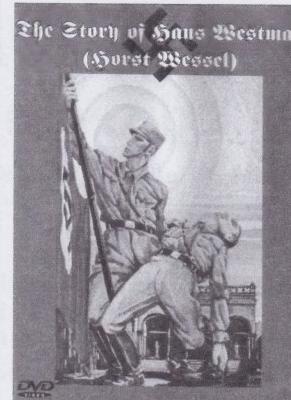
During the 1950s, while serving in the RAF, I was posted for some months to Cyprus. Shortly after arriving there, I was seconded to the Army Air Corps to service their Auster aircraft operating from an Air Observation Post at the makeshift Kermia airfield in Kyrenia. This was at the height of the EOKA rising against the British as part of the Greek Cypriot demand for union with Greece (*enosis*). The aircraft were used for spotting Greek Cypriot guerrillas in the mountains. Of course, we servicemen loathed and feared the guerrillas armed with their Molotov Cocktails and pencil bombs. We were confined to the airfield area, except when required to travel on duty to collect spares, provisions and aviation fuel. We thus became vulnerable targets. The fact that we carried drums of fuel aboard our transport vehicles was not very comforting! Fuel bowsers were considered too slow and cumbersome to be used on the island's tortuous roads and therefore highly susceptible to attack.

Looking back, and having a better knowledge of Turkish history than I did as a young man, I think that the Greek Cypriot rising was understandable and justified. It is true that many British servicemen were killed, including, unfortunately, some of their dependants in crossfire incidents. As a result, General Giorgios Grivas and his men were depicted, particularly by the media, as monsters, as was Archbishop Makarios, Primate of the Autocephalous Cypriot Orthodox Church and leading advocate of *enosis*. However, they were doing only what I hope many of us would feel obliged to do if armed foreigners were to occupy the British Isles. In any case, I do not think the Greek Cypriots were anywhere nearly as pitiless or ruthless as the IRA. Today they would be hailed as "Freedom Fighters".

Britain has gained one advantage resulting from Turkey's illegal occupation of Northern Cyprus. For as long as the island remains divided by the Green Line and Turkey's intransigence, the less likely Turkey's application for EU membership will be successful, thus preventing, or at least delaying, the possibility of large numbers of Turkish would-be immigrants legally arriving here and ultimately claiming the right to British citizenship.

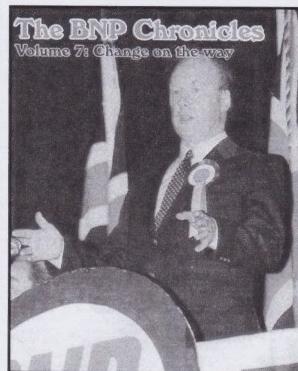
Taking into consideration the facts mentioned in this article, we should ask ourselves the following questions: Is Turkey's membership of the EU beneficial or compatible with the interests of either Europe or Britain? Should the British Government collude with Cameron's and former communist José Manuel Barroso's aim of "paving the road from Ankara to Brussels"? Furthermore, should we remain shackled to the EU, an organization that supports the membership of a country whose mores and values are so inimical to our own? My answer to all these questions is a resounding – No!

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The racial nationalist movement in Britain, and indeed the English-speaking world, has very largely evolved in isolation from that in the rest of the White world. The barrier of language may be superficial in principle for those who are bonded in blood and race, but in practice it has proved well-nigh insurmountable. It has cut us off from a whole world of ideas and thought which has so much to offer in the development and refinement of our ideology, which is and must be the firm, resilient and comprehensive foundation of our words and actions, and can only be strengthened by broadening its base, bringing together ideas and thoughts originally expressed in tongues other than our own.

New Right thinker and activist Troy Southgate has, therefore, done us a great service in making available in English those ideas and thoughts, either directly as in the case of translations he has been active in publishing of leading French *Nouvelle Droite* figures such as Guillaume Faye and Alain de Benoist, or, as in the case of this volume, indirectly in the form of a collection of essays in English about an important non-Anglophone figure.

There is no doubt that the subject of this volume, the Italian philosopher and mystic Julius Evola, is such an important figure. From his interactions, not always mutually sympathetic, with Italian Fascism and German National Socialism, before the second phase of Europe's disastrous Peloponnesian War, to his influence, also not unmixed, on such figures as Giorgio Almirante and Pino Rauti in the postwar Italian Social Movement (MSI) and its offshoots. An influence which in turn was transmitted by political refugees – asylum seekers indeed – of *Terza Posizione* fleeing persecution, sometimes unjustified, in their homeland to sections of the British Nationalist Movement in the 1980s, with varying degrees of comprehension on the part of the recipients and often, shall we say, interesting practical results.

Such an influential figure needs to be better understood by English-speakers, and in enabling this to happen Mr Southgate has yet again provided a valuable service. After reading this book, a much clearer understanding of the complex and often individual ideas of Julius Evola will be gained, on the basis of which the reader will be well placed to see what we can learn from him. Not always from agreeing with him – in this reviewer's opinion there is as much to reject as to accept in Evola's ideas, although in doing either our ideas will be challenged and buttressed.

Evola was born in 1898 to an aristocratic Sicilian family, which entitled him in later years to style himself Baron Evola. In his youth he flirted with various avant-garde movements in Italian art including Futurism and Dadaism. Having seen voluntary military service as an officer cadet in the artillery, serving in the mountains which were to fascinate him all his life, Evola broke with his Catholic upbringing and became interested in an eclectic mix of ideas and traditions, ranging from Fascism through ancient Hindu and Buddhist traditions to sundry mystical, neopagan and occultist groups. He developed an uneasy and ambivalent relationship with the then ruling Fascist government in Italy and with the NSDAP and SS in Germany, alternating between being something of an ideological guru and being denounced as a crank, for reasons which a perusal of this volume will make pretty clear. After the War, in which he was somewhat mysteriously wounded by a bomb in Vienna in 1945, he had serious problems with the new regime set up by the Allies in Italy. In 1951 he was charged with trying to re-form the Fascist Party, but was acquitted after conducting his own defence in an articulate and accomplished manner which earned him widespread respect. Subsequently he again became something of a guru for the sundry post-Fascist political formations in Italy: MSI leader Giorgio

Almirante once described him as "our Marcuse, only better". Evola died in 1974, but he lived on as a cult figure especially amongst the more hardline and extra-parliamentary youth wing of the Italian movement.

This book is a collection of essays from a variety of writers reflecting a spectrum as eclectic as Evola's own ideas. Some, such as Croatia's Tomislav Sunic and New Zealand's Kerry Bolton, will be familiar to many racial nationalist readers, especially if they are familiar with the Anglophone New Right. Others will be less familiar, coming from positions far from our own and, in the case of some of the occultist contributors, in this reviewer's opinion positions far removed from reality or, possibly, sanity.

Curiously the best overview of and introduction to Evola's ideas, by Troy Southgate himself, is at the back of this book rather than where it might have served the reader better at the front. The more so as it provides

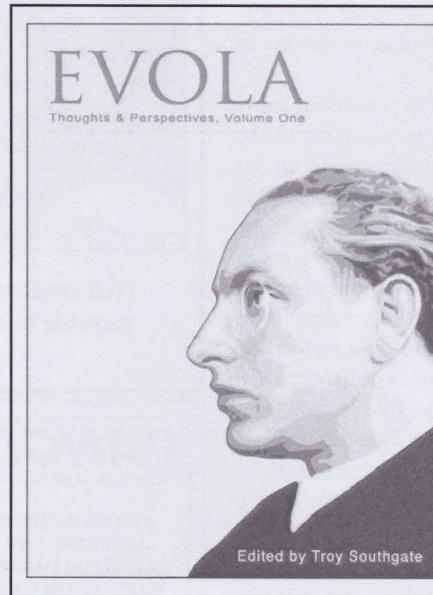
an excellent example of a widespread response to Evola – an attempt to co-opt him to the writer's own ideological position by cherrypicking suitable quotes, an attempt made more or less credibly on behalf of a variety of often very different, sometimes opposed, ideologies and positions.

Troy has transcended this, however, in his selection of such a wide spectrum of contributors, looking at Evola from a wide variety of perspectives. As such he has, I feel, captured the complexity and uniqueness of his subject, whose corpus of writings and ideas must, whether they admit it or not, strike all of them, as they do me as a radical racial nationalist, as a curate's egg, "good in parts", a mixture of sense, nonsense, brilliance, madness and sanity, both inspiring and infuriating. I therefore would heartily recommend this book to gain some grasp of a man who, whatever else one may say about him, was clearly a seminal figure and a towering intellect. His ideas are clearly worth thinking about even where they must in this reviewer's opinion be rejected. On the basis of this book I hope Troy Southgate yet again serves us all

well by making Evola's key writings – notably his 1934 *Revolt Against the Modern World* and postwar *Men Among the Ruins* – readily available to English-speaking readers.

Exposure to these ideas is likely to provoke different responses in different readers, depending on where they themselves are "coming from" ideologically, and can only really be evaluated in turn – as is clear from the essays in this volume, in fact – if one understands not just what Evola is saying but to whom he is saying it. So I will make my own position clear, and readers can judge my responses in the light of that. Where they do not share my view, they may well respond to Evolist thought differently. I am a radical racial nationalist, who regards his ideology as essentially scientific and rational, based on the evolutionary reality of the human condition as shaped by a dialectic between the challenge of the natural world and the response of natural selection, shaping our species and its component racial groups to fit their very differing environments over supra-historical timescales (many millennia and more). My argument with Marx, for example, is not that he was a scientific materialist but that he was insufficiently so. For all that he tried to dedicate *Das Kapital* to Darwin he did not understand Darwinism or indeed, however "scientific" he called it, base his thought on any science at all, unless one includes the dubious science of economics as then understood. I am happy to agree that my racism is, as Evola's emphatically was not, in Evola's words "worthy of the accusation by the Jew Trotsky of it being 'zoological materialism'." Indeed I rather like being called a Zoological Materialist!

From my perspective therefore I found much to agree with in Evola's condemnations of the modern world and his thunderings against both Marxism and Capitalism, which he rightly saw as having much more in common than separates them. Kerry Bolton contributes a brilliant essay on "Evola on the Subversive Nature of Capitalism" which brings this aspect of Evola's ideas out very well. As the Italian thinker rightly said: "Nothing is more evident than that modern capitalism is just as subversive as



Marxism. The materialistic view of life on which both systems are based is identical; both of their ideals are qualitatively identical” – both in Kerry Bolton’s phrase as “cults of the stomach” – both seeing, as Evola noted, the widespread access to more and more material possessions as the highest good. Evola rightly argued that mediaeval society, dedicated to a higher ideal – albeit one that neither Evola nor this reviewer would share – than the accumulation of material wealth and valuing the contribution of each farmer, craftsman, warrior and thinker to the service of that ideal, rather than reducing them all to the status of production-and-consumption units in a harsh economically-driven calculus valuing economic growth as the highest good, rather than as a means to an end.

As Evola says “existence acquires a meaning only when it is inspired by something beyond itself”. This reviewer and Evola would doubtless disagree with what that something is, but we would agree on the need for it. Something to believe in. Something if need be worth dying for.

No-one ever sacrificed their life to defend their standard of living, yet that is the highest goal of both Capitalism and Marxism. Both, as Evola also saw, united by a common egalitarianism and dislike of any sort of aristocracy (although what sort of aristocracy we should like is another point on which many would disagree with Evola, as we shall, again, see).

Bolton’s essay superbly brings out the value of Evola’s insights into the flaws and follies of the Modern World against which, as his book title said, he Revolted. Surely rightly. In fact Kerry Bolton contributes a brilliant insight of his own, albeit as he shows presaged by both Evola and the great German historical philosopher Oswald Spengler: *While Marx’s description of the development of Capitalism is accurate, Marx described the unfolding of Capitalism as a necessary, desirable phase of the dialectical process leading eventually to communism. He was of course wrong. It might rather be contended that socialism was a phase in the development of Capitalist globalism, especially in terms of catastrophically eliminating societies that had retained remnants of tradition and were thereby anomalies in the development of international Capitalist hegemonies. The role of communism has now been assumed by the ‘velvet revolutions’ of George Soros, the National Endowment for Democracy, the US State Department and an array of other networks that promote revolution in the interests of Capitalism. Neither Russia nor China had entered the phase of Capitalism when they were subjected to Marxism. One of the primary ideological exponents of global Capitalist hegemony, Zbigniew Brzezinski, a former US National Security Adviser, cogently described Marxism as a phase in the historical dialectic that is leading to an international Capitalist order.*

Bolton then leads into a quite amazing quote from Brzezinski in which this leading US System ideologue expatiates at length on the “historically progressive role” played by Marxism and Communism in creating and making possible the current Global Market Capitalist New World Order. A quote that utterly vindicates Evola and Spengler posthumously on this point.

Evola is also telling in his counterposing of the idea of national economic independence – autarky – to globalisation “it is better to renounce the allure of improving general social and economic conditions and to adopt a regime of austerity than to become enslaved to foreign interests or to become caught up in world processes of reckless economic hegemony that are destined to sweep away those who have set them in motion.” Words that now sound prophetic in a world of Bankers’ Slumps, Sovereign Debt Crises and Eurozone Collapse...

Thus far many of us would agree with Evola. Most nationalists would, or should if they think their own position through, agree with him in what he was against. It is with what Evola was for that the controversy starts. With issues around his views on what sort of society he wanted to put in place of the present crumbling cesspit, and his views on Race and what might rather broadly be called Religion. His views on women are also likely to prove controversial, although he may well have a point in saying that “so-called feminism has not been able to devise a personality for women other than by imitating the male personality.”

Evola upheld what he called “Tradition” as his alternative to the Modern World. Not, it should be made clear, Catholic Tradition, but his own. His ideas are well summed up in the essay by Roger Griffin, who although clearly no nationalist is unlikely long to remain Professor of Modern History even at Oxford Brookes “University” (née Oxford Polytechnic rather than one of the dreaming-spired colleges of the real University!) if he carries on associating in this way with demonic monsters of Political Incorrectness such as Mr Southgate! As Griffin explains “A Traditional society is one in which the individual is an organic part of a hierarchical state governed by a caste of warrior priests, custodians of a supra-temporal, metaphysical truth, and headed in turn by a monarch. Such a state, echoes of which Evola sees in the hierarchical social systems, myths and legends past of various civilizations, cultivates life as an essentially initiatic experience from which the degenerative forces of secularism, egalitarianism and individualism are kept at bay by ritual and the iron rule of law and caste.”

Evola also supported the idea of the Divine Right of Kings (for his own, idiosyncratic value of “Divine”) and argued that aristocracy did not mean rule by the best in the sense that those born to rule were more able but in the sense that the born ruler is one “whose greatness is not due to his human virtues, but rather to the principle, the idea, and a certain regal impersonality that he embodies.” Which I read as “you don’t actually have to be any good at ruling, as long as you are sufficiently smugly confident you are entitled to do so.”

But what Evola’s ideas actually meant was seen in his own day. Responding to Evola’s sniffing around the SS in 1938, a staff report to Heinrich Himmler perceptively observed “The ultimate and secret goal of Evola’s theories and projects is most likely an insurrection of the old aristocracy against the modern world. ... His overall character

is marked by the feudal aristocracy of old.” The report denounced Evola as a “reactionary Roman” plotting a “secret international order”. Himmler endorsed the report and stopped Evola lecturing in Germany.

Evola responded by denouncing National Socialism for having “clearly renounced the ancient, aristocratic tradition of the state. It is nothing more than a semi-collective nationalism”. Readers can doubtless make up their own minds who was more nearly right on this.

Apart from his extreme reactionary vision of a future (in fact really an idealised past) society – and watching Troy trying to make a National Anarchist out of such views is fascinating and not a little amusing to behold: Zbigniew Brzezinski is probably as much in agreement with Mr Southgate as Evola was! – Evola’s views on Race are also unlikely to be widely shared by racial nationalists, except possibly in the more southerly parts of his homeland.

Evola explicitly rejected any biological or Darwinian basis to Race, arguing that it was a spiritual rather than a physical reality. Given the physical racial reality in the southern half of his domains it is perhaps not surprising that according to Kerry Bolton: “Evola’s Synthesis of the Doctrine of Race was endorsed by Mussolini as providing a spiritual and cultural conception of race distinct from the biological determinism of German National Socialism.” Evola’s view that the “Aryo-Romans” were spiritually superior to the “Aryo-Germans” no doubt also did not go down badly in his own country at the time.

In place of the evolution of modern humans from apes, to different degrees depending on the challenge they faced from their environment, greater in Ice Age Europe for example than in Africa, Evola concocted a bizarre theory whereby modern humans had degenerated from a “Hyperborean” super-race from “Thule”. Flattering as the thought of being descended from Conan the Barbarian, who boasted such a pedigree in Robert E. Howard’s heroic fantasies, may be, this really is complete nonsense, at least on the merely material plane!

As again was clear at the time. Reporting on his lectures to the German-Italian Society in June 1938, the ideological department of the NSDAP observed: “Evola’s doctrine is neither National Socialist nor Fascist. What separates him in particular from the National Socialist world-view



Julius Evola (left) in 1972 (two years before his death) with the Italian journalist, author and Tolkien scholar Gianfranco de Turris

is his radical neglect of the concrete, historical facts of our national past in favour of an abstract spiritual Utopia based on fantasy.” Whilst the Reich Racial Policy Office greeted the publication of the *Synthesis of the Doctrine of Race* in September 1942 with the unkind observation that it reflected “the low spiritual level of modern Italy due to centuries of racial decline”! In fairness to Evola’s homeland one Signor Interlandi, writing in the Fascist periodical *Difesa della Razza* on 20th April 1942 also denounced the “nebulous spiritualism” of Evola’s views on Race. Tomislav Sunic in his essay on Evola’s racial views makes a heroic effort to try and enlist him in the service of racial nationalism, but given that Evola made it quite clear did not believe in races – or indeed nations – as physical realities one fears Dr. Sunic is doing his best to fight a losing battle.

As in this reviewer’s view one is even more so in any attempt to relate Evola’s mystic-religious views not merely to racial nationalism but to any sort of reality. As is explained in depressing detail in a number of the more, um, special contributions to this book, Evola was deeply into mysticism, mostly Indian and Islamic, and magick, with a “k”, mostly quite bonkers.

Evola admired Islam as “a tradition at a higher level than both Judaism and the religious beliefs that conquered the West”, which is bizarre seeing as it was, explicitly, descended from both Judaism and Christianity, the validity of which as its own precursors is made absolutely clear in the Koran. However it is clear that Evola in fact shares with Islam a deep antipathy to race and nation. In Evola’s own words: “The Idea, only the Idea, must be our true homeland. It is not being born in the same country, speaking the same language or belonging to the same racial stock that matters; rather, sharing the same Idea must be the factor that unites us and differentiates us from everybody else.” So to Evola, as to a Muslim, a negroid or an Australian aborigine who agrees with his beliefs is One of Us. A White man who does not is The Enemy.

This is the utter antithesis of my belief, which I suspect many readers will share, that our Race is the Idea – the Idea, which has been distilled memorably into only fourteen words, that the purpose of life is to secure the survival, advancement and expansion of our Race as the highest embodiment of mind and spirit to have evolved through aeons of struggle on Earth, and whose future, in demonstrably real reality rather than airy-fairy realms of mystic magick and myth, is potentially as unlimited as the future of the material Universe from which we have sprung, and whose Will to Power we embody, because it is, or should be, our Racial Will so to do.

It is clear from the essay by a White Muslim, Sean Jobst, and the menagerie of Scottish, Italian and other similar Islamic convert race traitors he cites, that Evola’s admiration for Islam was reciprocated in some quarters. Hardly in my view anything to admire in him.

But even Muslims, for all their faults, would have parted company with Evola on the Occult. Evola got mixed up in such nonsense in the 1920s and indeed bizarrely was at one point suspected of plotting to murder Mussolini by casting magical spells on him – sorry, that’s “magickal” spells. In a response, which if true rather proves Karl Wolff’s point about Africa beginning at Rome, *Il Duce* is supposed to have responded by ordering Evola left alone when he sniped at the Italian Government as he periodically did (when not supporting it) – so he would lift this witch-doctor’s curse!

An essay by one Christopher Pankhurst on Eovilism and Magick etc. is probably of more interest to the psychiatrist than the politician, the more so when it brings blinking into the light as an exemplar of post-Eovilist occultism one David Myatt and his “Order of the Nine Angles” (why not Eight or Ten Angles I do not know but I am sure there is some long and very strange explanation). Mr Myatt is introduced – rather incompletely as we shall see – as the author of the truly bizarre tome *Vindex: The Destiny of the West*, which apparently explains the relationship between National Socialism and Satanism. “Essentially NS type politics is considered as, at this moment of aeonic time, aiding the sinister dialectic, and an NS society as one of the first stages in changing evolution toward the sinister on a large scale.”

Myatt imparted such views rather more succinctly to the *Yorkshire Evening Post* in 1974 thus: “I am a Fascist. I am a Fascist because Fascism stands for universal death and destruction and thus I do the will of my Master, Satan.” He was accused of kidnapping and strangling, or crucifying, cats as sacrifices to said Master, and was investigated by the RSPCA and the Police (to whom he was already known as a convicted burglar and thief), inconclusively. Cat-lovers such as this reviewer will be glad to hear that Myatt denied sacrificing cats as a vile slur on his good name: apparently only human sacrifice was worthy of Satan and “there is no shortage of

human dross”! John Tyndall expelled Myatt from the BNP when all this was reported in the NF magazine *Nationalism Today* in the mid-1980’s. It also conferred on Mr Myatt the rare distinction of having been expelled by Eddy Morrison for the remarkable feat of bringing Morrison’s current groupuscule into disrepute!

What is very odd about all this is that David Myatt, now, since his conversion to Islam in 1998, calling himself “Abdul-Aziz ibn Myatt”, now denies ever being a Satanist, ever having had anything to do with the Order of the Polygon, or – although admitting his convictions for theft – ever sacrificing anyone’s pet moggy, or its owner for that matter, to Satan. In which case presumably he didn’t write *Vindex* either and the essay in this book that says he did is even more nonsensical that it is anyway...

Mr Myatt has now apparently undergone another metamorphosis, renouncing Islam (and thereby incurring the death penalty for apostasy under the sharia law he used to support, along with 9/11 and 7/7), in favour of something called The Numinous Way, based on Universal Love. Myatt could not be accused of dogmatic inflexibility in matters of belief – he has also in his time been a Christian monk and a Buddhist monk, as well as a Muslim, a Satanist and a Numinousist, although he has tried to edit some of these inconsistent incarnations out of his past and leave a trail of obfuscation, confusion and contradiction across the wilder fringes of the Internet. He has especially tried to escape the bit about strangling cats.

Throughout his religiomystical tergiversations he has, it must be said, maintained a consistent political position, posturing loudly and aggressively as a cardboard cut-out loony “Nazi” who proclaims at every turn his total support for violence, terrorism and anything else *Searchlight* cares to accuse our Movement of supporting. Assiduously following the propaganda script laid down by Hollywood, the Anti-Defamation League and the Board of Deputies of British Jews, to the delight of the Sunday papers and doubtless the quiet approval of every enemy of genuine racial nationalism.

I suppose it is possible that none of David Wulstan Myatt’s many personae wrote *Vindex*, or sacrificed household pets to the Devil. There is apparently another bod in the frame calling himself Anton Long, presumably after US con-man Anton LaVey, founder of the 1960s “Church of Satan”. He may of course just be Myatt Incarnation XXVIII. Or not. Maybe *Vindex* was in fact written by Gilbert and Sullivan’s John Wellington Wells, a dealer in Magickal Spells. Take your pick. It is pretty clear regardless that, whilst not unintelligent, Mr Myatt and his marbles parted company many years ago. Trying to investigate these Satanic loonies on the Internet makes one understand why Christians call Satan the Father of Lies and Confusion!

At any rate, those involved seem to have been inspired more by Dennis Wheatley than Julius Evola! This descent from the sublime to the ridiculous hardly adds to the credibility of this book. The book might well have been notably improved by the editorial excision of this bathetic tale of murky magicians’ multiple identities – Harry Potter and the Order of the Nine Angles? Especially as it gives an airing to those very elements from the “Nutzi” loony fringe of the Movement which Troy Southgate himself has, commendably, consistently and in this reviewer’s firm opinion rightly always forthrightly condemned. Troy does not deserve the smears he will certainly get by this association with such politically damaging and probably deranged idiots.

It does however reflect Evola’s repeated dismissals of mere rationality and stress on sundry “esoteric” and “transcendental” forces. This of course begs the question whether someone who is opposed in principle to rationality can really be said to have “Thoughts” at all! Just because the *soi-disant* “Enlightenment” claimed to be the Voice of Reason does not mean its opponents, who include but are certainly not limited to Baron Julius Evola, must necessarily therefore proclaim themselves the Voices of Unreason!

However, as this book amply demonstrates, it is not necessary to swallow Evola whole in order to learn from him. It is clear there was much sound thinking driving the Italian thinker to *Revolt Against the Modern World*. We do not need to follow him everywhere he went after that in order to take what he has to offer us. Actually the more bizarre essays Troy Southgate includes perhaps do have value in offering cautionary examples of where doing so can lead – that way, he shows, intentionally or otherwise, evidently lies madness. In that cautious, critical spirit, this book is heartily recommended.

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Euro-'Justice' Threatens English Liberties

On 1st February 2012 I attended a hearing at the new Supreme Court in London, in which lawyers for Julian Assange – founder of the whistleblowing website *Wikileaks*, were challenging the validity of the European Arrest Warrant under which Assange faces extradition to Sweden, where he has been charged with rape.

Many observers suspect that these rape charges are a pretext to silence *Wikileaks*, and potentially might lead to Assange being extradited to the USA, where he would face a very long prison sentence for publishing more than 250,000 secret diplomatic cables. These leaks, which began to be published on Assange's website in February 2010, were a major catalyst for the Tunisian revolution that kicked off last year's "Arab Spring". *Wikileaks* also published BNP membership lists in 2008 and 2009.

But the Supreme Court hearing did not look into the merits or otherwise of either the *Wikileaks* publications or the Swedish charges. It centred rather on the validity of the European Arrest Warrant, and in doing so raised issues important to all of us.

Until the last decade there were long established principles for extraditing alleged criminals across national borders, recognising that different countries have very different legal systems. First of all there would have to be an extradition treaty between the countries concerned, and the initial extradition request would be made between governments. Then there would have to be a court hearing, in which for example an English court would have to be convinced that: (a) Assange's alleged offences would have been criminal in the UK as well as in Sweden – the principle of "dual criminality"; (b) there was at least a *prima facie* case against him; (c) he could expect a fair trial.

All of this was thrown out as part of the ideologically driven push for European Union. The political elite eventually realised that "harmonisation" of laws and procedures across the continent would prove too problematic, so they opted instead for the principle of "mutual recognition". Jack Straw, Home Secretary in Tony Blair's government at the turn of the millennium, suggested moving towards a position "where each Member State recognises the validity of decisions of courts from other Member States in criminal matters with a minimum of procedure and formality."

In practice this meant the new European Arrest Warrant system, under which English courts are no longer allowed to question whether the alleged "crime" is covered by English law, nor whether there is even a *prima facie* case against the accused, nor even (in most cases) whether the accused could expect a fair trial. All the English court is allowed to do is check whether the European warrant has been validly made out, then rubber stamp the warrant and send the accused on his way to a European trial.

All this would be bad enough, but the issue addressed in Assange's appeal is that in his case (and others) the arrest warrant has not been issued by any sort of judge, but by a public prosecutor – so at this stage the case has not even been considered by anyone independent. As Assange's barrister Dinah Rose pointed out, this contravenes the tradition of *nemo iudex in causa sua* – no-one should be a judge of his own case.

Worse still, it appears that during the passage of the European warrant system into English law, this potential problem was flagged up more than once, only to be fobbed off by government ministers with the assurance that in practice there would be no need to worry. In January 2002 for example, Home Office minister Bob Ainsworth told the House of Commons European Scrutiny Committee: "it will not be possible for authorities that clearly are not courts, that are not judicial authorities to issue requests for European arrest warrants as they will not be recognised."

Yet in the present case a Swedish prosecutor – clearly not a court – has issued a warrant which has indeed been recognised by the English courts, and unless the Supreme Court overturns that recognition Julian Assange will be extradited on exactly the type of warrant that Tony Blair's minister assured Parliament would never be allowed. The Assange case is in this respect reminiscent of the Toben case, under which Australian academic Dr Fredrick Toben faced extradition to Germany for "crimes" that did not even amount to an offence under English law. That case fell at the first hurdle when Toben's defence team challenged the validity of the German warrant: this time the Supreme Court will have to make a historic decision addressing the fundamental principles of the European Arrest Warrant.

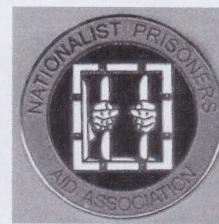
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Concert Review – Death in June & Fire + Ice

As I previously related in *H&D* No 46, the band *Death in June* was named after the revolutionary National Socialists, Gregor Strasser and Ernst Röhm, the chief of the SA Brownshirts. DIJ formed in London in 1980 as a post-Punk group influenced by bands with a similar sound such as *Joy Division* and *Killing Joke* (named after "The Killing Joke of a system which sends our young men to die in wars launched by fat, corrupt politicians"), both of whom were labelled 'Fascist' by the liberal-left wing journalists of the music press, because of their use of Third Reich imagery and politically incorrect statements.

On Friday 23rd December 2011 I went to see *Death in June* and *Fire + Ice* play live at The Underworld, Camden, North London, together with some supporters of the New Right. In the weeks preceding the gig the organisation Love Music Hate Racism and the anti-fascist website blog 'Who Makes The Nazis?', launched a campaign to have the concert cancelled. To their credit the management of the venue refused to call the event off, and published a statement on their website:

"We have been contacted by several organisations concerned at Death in June's ideology. Let it be known that The Underworld is not a right-wing or fascist venue".

The first band on-stage, the neo-folk group *Fire + Ice* is fronted by Ian Read, the editor of *Runa – The Journal of Northern European Mythology, Mysteries and Magick*. Their live renditions of the songs 'Dragons in the Sunset' and 'Gilded by the Sun' were truly inspiring and beautiful.

"Ancient kinsmen call my name...Ways of the Eastern stranger are not yours to bear...I have heard the Valkyries song and I've touched Odin's hand".

–'Dragons in the Sunset' by *Fire + Ice*

"Albion, how fine your trees stand gilded by the sun. Across the land and in your fields the tree-lined waters run...Albion, if worth remains, if aught is left to show. The smallest leaf, the slightest bud from ancient bark to grow. The gain is worth the sacrifice, the battle worth the slain... Albion, how fine your trees stand gilded by the sun".

–'Gilded by the Sun' by *Fire + Ice*.

Next up were *Death in June* fronted by Douglas Pearce on vocals and guitars, and John Murphy on drums and percussion. DIJ love to provoke the opposition, and while they cleverly avoid using overt racialist lyrics which would see their gigs getting banned, there are plenty

of Nationalist sentiments in their lyrics. Behind the stage was DIJ's Totenkopf Death's Head black flag, a skull and crossbones from the Third Reich era, with a silver '6' symbol sewed into it (6 being the 6th month of the year, i.e. June), and a Black Sun banner inspired by Himmler's castle Wewelsburg. Douglas P. also appeared on-stage with his trademark Waffen SS camouflage pattern smock and cap!

(I contributed to the night's proceedings by wearing a Mosley Blackshirt Flash and Circle badge).

My favourite DIJ songs on the night were the neo-folk number 'Kameradschaft', the classic Gothic rock 'She Said Destroy', post-Punk anthem 'Heaven Street' and the neo-Spenglerian lament to a decaying European civilization 'The Death of the West'.

I do prefer the early 80s DIJ material such as 'Sons of Europe', 'We Drive East', 'Fields' and the instrumental track 'Nation'.

"Sons of Europe sick with liberalism. Sons of Europe chained by capitalism. Sons of Europe make sure you don't get burned in a Wall Street war. Sons of Europe arise!"

–'Sons of Europe' by *Death in June*

"Carry the banner. We paid in blood. We drive east to hunt the Bolshevik beast".

–'We Drive East' by *Death in June*

"Dresden burning in the night. Coventry is still alright. Amid the pain the blood and fire. There is a sense we're ruled by liars. No more wars amongst brothers."

–'Fields' by *Death in June*

All in all it was a very enjoyable evening out and worth every penny of the £20 entry fee. The venue was packed out on the night as *Death in June* fans hadn't seen them play for six years. Douglas P. delighted the audience when he declared in between songs:

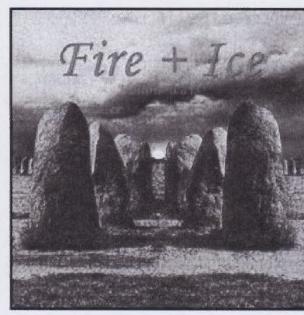
"Some idiots have been protesting outside tonight handing out smear leaflets full of the usual lies about me. I call them Love Morons Hate Reason!"

Videos by both *Death in June* and *Fire + Ice* can be viewed for free on the popular *Youtube* website. Here's to the next gig by these two excellent bands!

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Ian Read (above left) of *Fire + Ice*, editor of the journal *Runa*. (above right) *Fire + Ice* CD *Hollow Ways* also featured Simon Norris of *Death in June* and Joolie Woods of *Sol Invictus*.



(above left to right) The original *Death in June* line up in the 1980s: Douglas Pearce, Patrick Leagas and Tony Wakeford. (below left) Douglas Pearce now uses the name Douglas P. and still fronts a new *Death in June* line up. (below right) *Death in June* compilation album *Cathedral of Tears*.



The Saga of the Aryan Race: by Porus Havewala

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The general definition of the word "Aryan," when used to describe people living in the 21st century, is that it applies to those of who are descended from the White peoples indigenous to Europe. Sometimes this is meant to include specifically the Northern European populations, such as the Germanic and Celtic peoples. This definition is fundamentally correct, although it is very basic and the issue is more complex than the definition suggests. But if we go back in time, even this basic definition needs to be altered or expanded.

According to the latest scientific research, more than 6,000 years ago, the Aryan race consisted of a group of interrelated tribes living in close proximity to each other, perhaps in South-western Asia or Eastern Europe. Scholars today prefer the term "Indo-European" to "Aryan," as Aryan has become Politically Incorrect due to its association with National-Socialist racial theory. The exact location of the original Aryans or Indo-Europeans is unknown, and is the subject of intense academic debate. Wherever the ancient Aryans lived originally, around 4,000 BCE they began to expand outward in wave after wave of migration.

Some Aryan tribes moved generally westward, in the direction of the setting Sun. They conquered and colonized Europe, creating great civilizations such as Greece and Rome, and then gave birth to modern Western civilization. Continuing to migrate to the west, they crossed the Atlantic Ocean and settled on the Eastern seaboard of North America. Once they had secured their position along the coast, they further expanded to the west, eventually encompassing the whole North American continent north of the Rio Grande, and not stopping until they reached the Pacific Ocean. These Western Aryans live on today, and they are the ones referenced when the word Aryan is used in a contemporary sense.

But 6,000 years ago, as some Aryan tribes began their westerly migration, other tribes set themselves in motion traveling east, in the general direction of the rising Sun. These Eastern Aryans created the great civilizations of India and Persia, among others. But unlike the Western Aryans, who maintained their racial purity, the Eastern Aryan mixed freely with the dark-hued populations they subdued. Over the course of time, the genes of the Eastern Aryans became completely submerged, and they became extinct as a distinct race. But racial echoes of the mighty deeds of the Eastern Aryans linger on to this day.

The Zoroastrian religion was an early achievement of the Eastern Aryans who created the Persian civilization in what is today the country of Iran. This faith was most likely the original monotheistic religion, and included a sophisticated and refined ethical system based on primordial Aryan values, such as duty, honor, heroism and kinship. Although the Eastern Aryans who created this faith have long since passed into oblivion, a tiny fraction of the Iranian population continues to practice this faith. Although no longer Aryan themselves in a racial sense, modern-day Zoroastrians are probably descended in some small part from the Eastern Aryans, and they practice their faith more or less as it was handed down to them over the centuries. Indeed, their continued survival as a religious community in the face of Islamic persecution and intolerance is quite remarkable. Other Zoroastrians, however, fled to India, which has a more tolerant religious climate, and became known as the "Parsees."

Author Porus Homi Havewala is a Parsi Zoroastrian. Drawing upon ancient stories and traditions handed down in his community since time immemorial, he wrote five short historical novels which chronicled the experiences of the Aryans of Persia from the earliest times through the acceptance of the Zoroastrian religion as the official faith of the ancient Persian empire. These books originally appeared in a Mumbai, India, newspaper in serial form between 1987 and 1992. The first two volumes of this series have been published as *The Saga of the Aryan Race* by Arktos press in the UK.

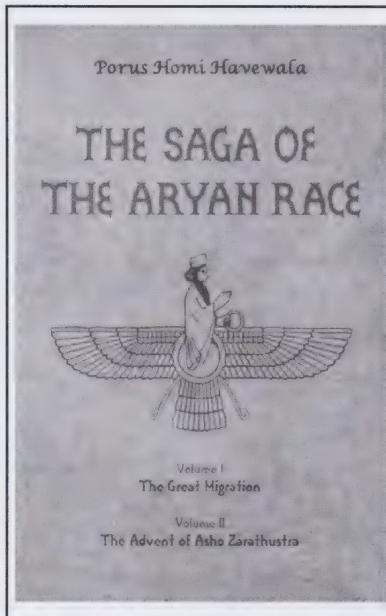
The first volume is entitled *The Great Migration*, and it tells the tale of the great trek made by the Aryans from their original homeland to Iran. The story is told in a highly stylized and fanciful manner. Although advertised as a "historical novel," it is more akin to legend or mythology than a typical historical novel. The dialogue and phrasing is quaint, and takes some getting used to. However, once the reader becomes accustomed to the strangeness of these qualities, the story itself becomes engrossing and moves quickly.

In this telling, the original Aryan homeland was at the North Pole, which at the time had a temperate climate. The Aryans there lived a pure and idyllic existence, in harmony with Ahura Mazda, the one true god. The climate becomes suddenly colder, however, and the Aryans are forced to make an epic journey fraught with danger and hardship to the new homeland promised them by Ahura Mazda, in Iran. They suffer greatly both from the frigid weather and from attacks by non-Aryan barbarians, who do not worship Ahura Mazda, and who lust over the beautiful blonde Aryan women. The plot itself is simple and direct, and the characters are Aryan archetypes (such as the brave warrior, the virtuous maiden, the loving father, the just king, etc.), rather than realistic flesh-and-blood people. The story itself is used as a framework to illustrate aspects of the Zoroastrian religion, and the characters make speeches and heroic declarations, rather than converse with each other in a normal fashion. I mean this not as a criticism, but rather to warn potential readers of the peculiarity of the text.

The second volume, *The Advent of Asho Zarathustra*, tells of the birth of the Aryan prophet Zarathustra, the historical founder of the Zoroastrian religion. Once again, although dealing with an actual historical subject, the story is told as myth rather than history. The birth of the holy infant infuriates a local group of what we would today call devil-worshippers or Satanists: they spurn the true god Ahura Mazda, and instead worship a giant horned idol of "the evil one." They kidnap the infant Zarathustra shortly after his birth, and try unsuccessfully to murder him: the babe's holiness alone protects him from harm by man or beast. The infant is rescued, and the evil-doers are dispatched. The author tells us:

"But when the grip of evil seems all powerful, when it seems that pride and arrogance reign supreme over humility and innocence and that nothing can resist the darkness of the night, it is then that the hopes of the evil ones are cut asunder and their deceitful ambitions come crashing down." (p. 126).

Many White Nationalists have an understandable interest in and affinity to the pre-Christian beliefs of their ancestors. Usually, it is Germanic or Celtic heathenism which is the focus of their interest, or else (more rarely) the humanized paganism of the Hellenic and Roman orders. *The Saga of the Aryan Race* gives us a glimpse into the race-based religion of the now-extinct Eastern Aryans – as it is curiously preserved by their non-White descendants, thousands of years later.



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Book Review: *Beating the Fascists – the untold story of Anti-Fascist Action* by Sean Birchall

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Readers whose nationalist activism dates back several decades will remember that our activities traditionally faced two classes of opponent. Anyone attending a nationalist meeting, demonstration or even leafletting would often face a motley crew of counter-demonstrators waving placards, often with a distinctive "lollipop" design, and chanting "anti-nazi" slogans. Usually organised by the Socialist Workers Party, Britain's largest Trotskyist movement, these demonstrations would nevertheless attract a handful of mainstream party councillors, trade unionists and even the occasional ethnic community leader.

Yet even when their numbers were greater than ours, there was usually little to fear. They might chant "black and white, unite and fight", but they didn't really mean fight – they were content to wave their lollipops, sell a few papers, give a few interviews, and go home to their middle-class ghettos or their student hostels.

The second category of anti-fascist was another matter. They wouldn't usually be waving placards and chanting. They might be waiting in a nearby pub or alley; they might already have occupied your meeting venue; or they might be that group of a dozen football hooligans just crossing the road and looking at first like your own supporters.

Their intention wasn't to give an interview or sell a few papers. They were out to inflict serious physical harm on you and your supporters. They might well be armed, and they had practical street fighting experience from years of petty crime, or even heavy duty terrorism.

These were the militants of Anti-Fascist Action, and this book is the second in recent years purporting to tell their story.

AFA was launched in 1985, in the middle of what was already a wilderness decade for British nationalists, and in effect it lasted for just over a decade, covering the years when the divided factions of the old National Front – what had been arguably the most successful white nationalist movement in the world during the 1970s – sank into obscurity, while the British National Party developed into a serious political force and won its first council seat in East London.

Yet AFA drew on much older traditions, claiming descent from the militant anti-fascism which saw Communists and Jews organised on those same East End streets to oppose Sir Oswald Mosley's British Union of Fascists in the 1930s. A clearer comparison is with the mostly Jewish militants of the 43 Group, formed to oppose Mosley's postwar revival, and the 62 Group, which united Jewish businessmen and gangsters to block Mosley's last attempt at a political comeback in the early 1960s and went on to attack activists from a range of other nationalist movements, including the original British National Party, as well as Colin Jordan's various movements, and the controversial historian David Irving.

While those groups allied Jews to former Stalinists from the Communist Party of Great Britain, AFA allied various types of Trotskyists, anarchists and Irish republicans. Many of AFA's street activists were from the anarchist tradition, grouped around the "Direct Action Movement", so it might not seem surprising that this book is published by Freedom Press, a long established anarchist outfit. But in fact this book's authors belong to the section of AFA that was always anti-anarchist – the Red Action faction headed by Islington thug Gary O'Shea.

Incidentally one of the AFA activists behind this book (Joe Reilly) has recently confirmed that the 'innocent' Jewish schoolteacher attacked by Tony Lecomber (an assault for which former BNP national organiser Lecomber

was jailed) was actually an AFA activist – in other words someone who would have been happy to put the boot into Lecomber had it been on the other foot.

It has been spelled out in recent months that the old Anti-Fascist Action is split into at least two main factions, each hating the other even more than the Griffinites hate the Bronsites. As with certain nationalist factions, this split has seen each side accusing the other of being traitors and police informers. What is different about the AFA split is that these allegations relate to so-called "dissident republicanism", in other words groups and individuals who believe that the IRA should continue its terrorist campaigns.

On one side are Steve Tilzey, allies of Tilzey's late co-author Dave Hann – including Hann's widow Louise Purbrick (now a lecturer in art history at Brighton University), Debbie Grue (another Manchester "anti-fascist" and republican), and Glen Phillips, who remains active in Irish republican circles on both sides of the Ulster border. Their Manchester 'squad' was one

of the most notorious anti-fascist gangs during the decade preceding AFA's formation, though Hann did not arrive on the scene until the end of the 1970s and the Manchester squad's original leader was sociology lecturer John Penny.

On the other side are former Red Action bosses Gary O'Shea and Joe Reilly, who organised some of AFA's most violent attacks, together with old comrades Denis Clifford and Jon Heddon. It is this group who are behind the new book *Beating the Fascists*, which is in some ways a response to *No Retreat*, the book produced by Tilzey and Hann of the rival faction, which I reviewed in *H&D* issue 15.

Heddon and Phillips have accused each other of working for the state, allegations which last year caused ructions within the militant Irish republican group Eirgi, run by convicted IRA bomber Brendan McKenna.

Denis Clifford, who is clearly one of the main contributors to this book, is the cousin of Salford gangster Dessie Noonan, so it is no surprise to see the drug dealing murderer Noonan portrayed as a hero in these pages. Noonan summed up the approach of Manchester AFA in a 1997 interview published by the Manchester United fanzine

Red Attitude, where he claimed that he and his gang had stopped "organised fascist groups from operating in Manchester. Quite simply because year after year we have out-violenced them." Eventually Noonan himself was "out-violenced", stabbed to death in March 2005. His fellow 'anti-fascist' gangster Paddy Logan had been shot dead at his home in 1999.

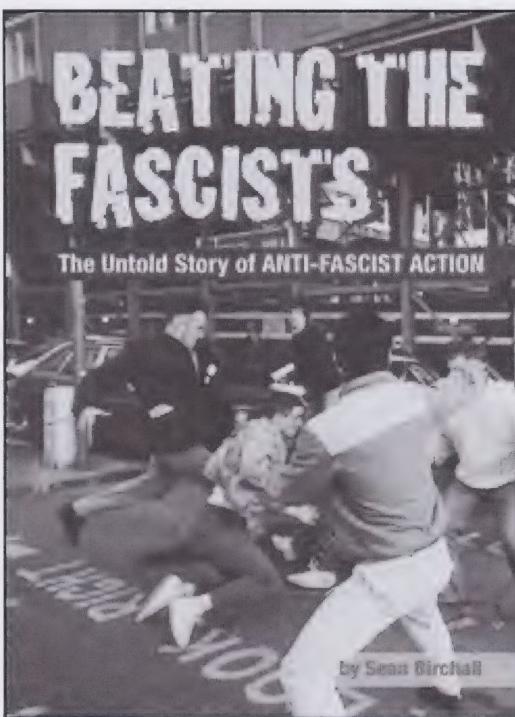
Curiously enough Clifford's own brother Mick was on the opposite side politically: he organised the British Movement branch in Leeds until he was sentenced to life imprisonment in January 1981 for murdering 17 year old Anthony Clarke. Clifford and a BM associate, Thomas O'Leary, had got into a fight with Clarke and a black teenager, Stephen Mitchell.

The Clifford brothers are both committed to versions of Irish republican activity. Mick has recently been involved with a racial nationalist version of republicanism, while Denis and his AFA comrades have long been closely involved in the more mainstream end of militant Irish politics.

An example of this overlap was Liam Heffernan, AFA activist and terrorist member of the IRA's Marxist splinter INLA.

Liam Heffernan was born in Manchester to an Irish family, and was a natural recruit for the AFA unit in his home city. One of the stories told in this book is of an AFA attack at Holloway Road underground station in which Heffernan and other Manchester thugs took part. Heffernan was also the leader of a violent squad that repeatedly attacked Ian Stuart Donaldson, lead singer of the nationalist band Skrewdriver, in and around his home during the late '80s and early '90s. It's likely that Heffernan himself is the source (or indeed author) of at least a couple of chapters in *Beating the Fascists*.

While the authors seem proud of their extreme violence (indeed much of this book is similar to the shelves full of gangster or football hooligan



memoirs that can be found in every British bookshop) they are less willing to discuss the circumstances of Heffernan's arrest: a farcical failure by these proud revolutionary cadres.

Heffernan had met an Ulster Catholic girl on one of AFA / Red Action's regular visits to Belfast for drinking and terrorist planning sessions with their Irish allies, and he moved to the province for a couple of years. He then fell into a trap constructed by MI5 in what became 'Operation Breaksea'. Like many other Red Action members, Heffernan supported the Irish Republican Socialist Party and its terrorist arm, the Irish National Liberation Army. (Like Red Action, the INLA has an ambiguous involvement with drug dealers and other criminal elements. On the one hand INLA gunmen have murdered several leading drug dealers; but the organisation itself has often been accused, not least by some of its dissidents, of its own large scale drug dealing.)

A fellow far left activist, Patrick Daly, drew Heffernan and two INLA comrades, Martin McGonagle and Anthony Gorman, into a supposed plan to obtain a stock of explosives for a campaign of bombings and assassinations in England. While the IRA had a stockpile of Semtex plastic explosive provided by the Libyan dictator Col. Gadaffi, the INLA needed to steal explosives. Daly had lived in South-West England for years, and offered to lead the INLA gang to Westberry-sub-Mendip quarry in Somerset where they could steal explosives.

Needless to say the entire plan was an MI5 set-up, and the "safe house" supplied by Daly was wired to record all the gang's conversations. One night in February 1993 they were led into an armed police ambush at the quarry. Gorman managed to escape, but Heffernan and McGonagle were arrested and sentenced in December 1993 to prison sentences of 23 and 25 years respectively. Mr Justice Sachs told the proud anti-fascists: "Your chilling intention was to maim, kill and destroy, a prospect which clearly gave you much pleasure."

Meanwhile their supposed comrade Daly was resettled under a new identity with an MI5 pay-off of £400,000. Their INLA boss Hugh 'Cueball' Torney entered a vicious feud within the terrorist gang's top echelon, and was himself widely accused of being an MI5 agent, before hiring a drug dealer to murder INLA chief of staff Gino Gallagher in January 1996. Torney himself was gunned down in the street eight months later.

Meanwhile INLA's "anti-fascist" allies in England were also engaged in internecine feuds, albeit less bloody.

These feuds were partly a delayed reaction to the BNP's change of strategy, but also an inevitable development of fault lines that had potentially divided the AFA alliance since its inception.

AFA had blatantly set out to defeat the BNP on the streets, and the BNP itself had pursued a strategy based around street activities. During the early 1990s however a new BNP strategy evolved. It was now unarguable that the BNP was the main vehicle for British nationalism, and in just one or two parts of the country the party began to build a serious political machine.

Most notable was East London, where Eddy Butler pursued a "Rights for Whites" campaign skilfully highlighting the crisis in housing provision for the children of local families in the old docklands area governed by Tower Hamlets Borough Council.

In October 1992 BNP candidate Barry Osborne achieved 20% of the vote in a Millwall ward by-election, and in September 1993 Derek Beckon captured worldwide headlines by winning the party's first council seat in the same ward.

Nor was BNP progress confined to Tower Hamlets. The next door borough of Newham saw almost equally impressive votes in the May 1994 elections, even though no seats were won. During that 1994 election campaign 'anti-fascist' violence was taken to a new level. Though MI5's undercover operatives had entrapped Heffernan and crippled the INLA, the secret state was at least tolerating anti-BNP terrorism, and this probably involved active connivance by state agents. After all, such connivance between MI5 and

AFA's allies in the INLA is widely thought to have been behind the murder of Loyalist paramilitary leader Billy Wright inside the Maze prison in December 1997.

Moreover during the past eighteen months detailed evidence has gradually appeared showing the extent of the secret state's involvement in militant anti-fascism during the 1990s. None of this evidence appears in *Beating the Fascists*, but AFA's various retired thugs, their activism now reduced to staggering to the bar for the next round, might usefully contemplate how far they were merely playing out a game devised in Whitehall.

An undercover officer called Pete Black, from a secret Special Branch unit named the Special Demonstration Squad, infiltrated militant anti-fascism from 1993 to 1997, becoming a branch secretary for Youth Against Racism, run by the Trotskyite group Militant Tendency, who organised a violent demonstration against the BNP bookshop in Welling in 1993.

Mr Black told the press last October that "the police unit he worked for kept a secret file listing details of the authorised crimes committed by undercover officers during their deployments."

That secret file would certainly make interesting reading, in the light of the serious crimes committed against leading British nationalists during the period when Mr Black and others were deployed. The most interesting tale in *Beating the Fascists* concerns the September 1996 arson attack on a printing business in Sussex owned by veteran nationalist Tony Hancock. The authors claim that AFA members were recruited for this job by mysterious London Jews who supplied advanced bomb materials from Israel and later helped pay for their defence.

In one month alone – April 1994 – three serious attacks occurred. On 7th April a bomb exploded at the BNP bookshop in Welling, the same location targeted by the violent demonstration organised in Scotland Yard a few months earlier. The bomb injured a member of the party's office staff, Alf Waite. It was supposedly sent by an extremist animal rights group – the Justice Department – whose leader Keith Mann was on the run at the time, having mysteriously escaped from police custody the previous year.

On 23rd April – St George's Day – BNP candidate Michael Davidson lost an eye after being attacked on the streets of Newham while out leafletting. On 29th April BNP press officer Mike Newland was attacked in his own home at 8 am by a masked gang armed with hammers. The gang had gained entry to his home using forged documents from the local council, claiming to be on official business.

Later in 1994 *H&D* editor Mark Cotterill was attacked on his doorstep in Devon by anarchists armed with a knife and an iron bar. In 1995 BNP national organiser Richard Edmonds was beaten up by a mysterious gang outside the Welling bookshop.

Meanwhile another arm of the secret state had helped create Combat 18, supposedly a pro-nationalist street gang mostly made up of young activists linked to the BNP and British Movement. Though most of these were well intentioned, they soon became diverted into attacking fellow nationalists rather than their opponents.

During this same period of 1994-95 Combat 18 members physically attacked BNP activists Tony Lecomber, Eddy Butler and the present author, while their publications spread libels against even leading figures in the party such as John Tyndall and Richard Edmonds.

BNP strategists at the time concluded that the state had been trying to derail the party's progress, not only through tolerating or indeed organising attacks on nationalists, but by inciting a futile street war. As John Tyndall wrote when proscribing Combat 18 from the BNP in September 1995: "In Britain the constitutional way, difficult though it may be, is the only way, while terror and violence lead only in one direction: to the criminal court and the jail cell – unless by some mysterious and esoteric design they enjoy the protection of the state which the latter gives for arcane purposes of its own – of which the morons who blab about these things have not the tiniest comprehension."



Manchester 'anti-fascist' gangster Dominic Noonan leads the mourners at the funeral of his brother Dessie Noonan in April 2005. Dessie was a notorious gangland assassin and boasted of leading Anti-Fascist Action's operations against nationalists in Manchester, claiming "year after year we have out-violenced them."

On 10th February 1997 the Combat 18 saga reached its inevitable, tragic conclusion when two of its leaders, Charlie Sargent and Martin Cross, stabbed to death one of their own former comrades, Chris Castle. Sargent and Cross are still serving life sentences for this murder.

By now the BNP was firmly committed to an electoral path. Anti-fascist violence and internal disruption had succeeded in setting back that electoral progress, but AFA knew that street gang operations were no longer enough, and that in the long term the BNP would be well placed to take advantage of any changes in the political climate. In particular, some AFA leaders had developed an acute analysis of the contradictions in left-wing politics.

For years anti-fascists had tried to deny political space to "fascists" while offering no alternative of their own. The inference was that 'working class' and/or leftist voters should simply vote Labour. Yet by the mid-1990s it was obvious that Tony Blair's New Labour had abandoned working class politics in pursuit of a "prawn cocktail offensive" seeking middle class votes and business donations. Blair's left-wing critics had if anything even less connection to workers – or at any rate to white workers. They had embraced the 'rainbow coalition' politics of identity in which 'socialism' was about rights for gays, lesbians, the disabled and ethnic minorities: anything but traditional Labour's support for indigenous workers.

At a series of strategy meetings during 1995 and 1996 Red Action moved towards building a different form of leftism, which offered a more realistic alternative for white voters.

Some of the sharpest criticism of trendy left "identity politics" came from Stuart Craft, an AFA activist who was to become one of the leaders of a new political wing, the Independent Working Class Association, and is still an IWCA councillor on Oxford City Council. Cllr Craft spoke out in the council chamber against what he termed "the dogma of multiculturalism", mocking the Labour council's "strategy to prioritise the tackling of 'racism' ('especially hidden racism') at the expense of the obvious class-A drug dealing problem which was the main concern of residents."

Bear in mind that the area of Oxford represented by Cllr Craft had little in common with what you see on *Inspector Morse*. The IWCA targeted the vast council estates of Blackbird Leys and Churchill. In an article for his local paper *Leys News*, Cllr Craft suggested:

A generation ago, working class activists addressing the propaganda of the far-right had one major advantage – that most of this propaganda, such as statements about non-whites receiving special treatment was nothing more than the wishful thinking of those desperate for any justification for a race war. Today things are not so straightforward.

...The African Caribbean Youth Project and Asian Young Men's Youth Project in Blackbird Leys and Rose Hill respectively, were set up with local government funds. Recently the city council considered financing exclusive free swimming for 'Muslim' mothers at Hinksey Pool. There are plans to turn Peers School into a Church of England-backed Academy, which is likely to open the door to more 'faith schools' across the city. And only last week, Oxford's South-West Area Committee discussed separate housing for 'Black and Minority Ethnic People'.

If the far right had made any of this up only a handful of years ago, they would have been accused of being racist scaremongers, but those making such accusations now find themselves on shifting sand.

For a few years the IWCA achieved far greater electoral success than most far left outfits, reflecting the fact that it had greater credibility with working class voters than the usual rabble of Trotskyist paper sellers. This strategy had begun to develop as early as 1997 when they promoted "anti-sleaze" candidates Debi Piper and Peter Coen for Welwyn Hatfield council, Hertfordshire. Coen polled 9.7% at the Panshanger ward by-election in July 1997. In October 1999 they backed Helen Cagnoni as an "Independent Tenant Resident" candidate in Clerkenwell ward, Islington, gaining 12.5%

of the vote. At a January 2001 by-election in Heaton ward, Havering, they supported former Labour activist Neil Stanton as an independent, again polling a respectable 11%.

While George Galloway's Respect party eventually won support from an alliance of Muslims and middle class SWP Trotskyists, the IWCA focus was on the traditional Red Action power base in the (often Irish) white working class tower blocks of inner London, and on neglected and mostly white council estates. The latter were also increasingly BNP territory, and it was a conscious element of IWCA strategy to target the areas abandoned by

Tony Blair's New Labour before disillusionment pushed long-suffering estate residents towards the dreaded fascists.

At the 2001 county council elections, IWCA activist Stuart Craft polled 9% as an Independent in Oxfordshire's Blackbird Leys division, one of the most crime ridden areas of southern England. Later that year the IWCA was officially registered as a political party and began to stand candidates under its own name.

In May 2002 Craft won an Oxford City Council seat for the IWCA, whose candidates also polled well in two other Oxford wards. Elsewhere the IWCA took 27% of the vote in Harold Hill – one of their candidates finished runner-up to Labour – while they defeated Labour in parts of Islington and finished a close second in Haggerston ward, Hackney.

Two more IWCA councillors were elected in 2004 and a fourth alongside Stuart Craft's re-election in 2006. However two of these were defeated in 2008 and by 2010 the wheels had come off: Cllr Craft's only remaining IWCA colleague stood down from the council and his party was unable to contest a single ward.

Even while they were still advancing in Oxford, the IWCA was humiliated in its main battle with the BNP, when IWCA candidate Lorna Reid polled only 0.5% in the 2004 London mayoral election compared to 3% for the BNP's Julian Leppert. By 2006 the IWCA had already disappeared outside Oxford and the BNP was polling well in its former target areas, gaining a seat in

Gooshays ward, Havering. The Hackney IWCA branch broke away to form "Hackney Independents" after a split at their AGM in October 2004.

Only Stuart Craft survives of the IWCA councillors elected during the past decade – he was re-elected to Oxford City Council in Northfield Brook ward at the 2008 elections, polling 45% and surviving with a 66 vote majority over Labour. Though most of its websites are defunct and all but one of its councillors have quit or been defeated, IWCA is still registered with the Electoral Commission in the names of Peter Coen and Ross Baptie. Mr Coen (who was one of the original IWCA backed council candidates back in 1997) is head of a building company called Oranmore Construction Ltd. His previous business Peter Coen Construction (London) Ltd. was wound up in 2005. Coen's business (named after a Galway village that was a major centre of IRA activity during the 1916 Easter Rising) is registered at his home in Hertfordshire but operates in Lambeth, South London.

Unlike the BNP, the IWCA does at least have cash in the bank: about £23,000 at the end of 2010, which saw the party record a surplus of almost £10,000 despite a feeble record of activity. In fact the production of this book seems to have been the IWCA's main activity during 2010.

Just like their nationalist enemies, militant anti-fascists face uncertain times. Some of the old-timers are now happy to boast online about past glories; few seem to have any realistic plan for the future. At least nationalists, for all their present weakness and confusion, have one underlying advantage over even the most acute of AFA's strategists. Their ideology forces them to argue that our people's fundamental identity is as 'workers', regardless of race. We recognise (when we can find the courage to assert it) that identity is inseparable from race. That is why, regardless of any temporary setbacks or frustrations, tomorrow belongs to us!

Reviewed by Peter Rushton, Manchester, England



Veteran AFA activist Stuart Craft (left) with two of his former Oxford City Council colleagues elected for the IWCA – a political party founded by Red Action which for a few years was much more successful than most far left electoral efforts, but now seems to have collapsed.

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Why Work?

Simon Sheppard says the 'Protestant work ethic' has passed its sell-by date

What's the point of working? All you get is grief, practically all the money goes straight out in deductions and housing costs, and our taxes are used to finance insane policies, even to further Britain's national decline.

It's said that only two things in life are certain: death and taxes. The tax burden in Britain is enormous, yet most of the spend is completely wasted. Even worse, much of it does more harm than good. Britain's decline has been so consistent that the process cannot possibly be accidental. Greater forces are at work, in which politicians are merely puppets. The sooner the current perverse system of fiat currency, usury and perpetual debt collapses the better, so do your bit for your country and sign on!

We pay tax for completely unnecessary overseas conflicts, and funding corrupt regimes in third-world countries under the guise of foreign aid. Foreign aid is taking money from the poor in rich countries and giving it to the rich in poor countries. Politicians like to parade themselves at international meetings and trumpet their largesse, but it's very easy to be generous with other people's money. Many of their audience privately think they are fools, but all they have to do is humour them to receive oodles of dosh.

The tax we pay maintains an economic system based on perpetual debt. Britain borrows money from wealthy countries like oil-rich Saudi Arabia, and repays it at interest, so by working and paying tax we are making already fabulously wealthy people, like the Saudi royal family with its hundreds of princes, even richer. In many cases our politicians' mad internationalist policies result in countries selling back to us mass-produced goods which we invented in the first place. Britain has accumulated so much debt over the years that the cost of servicing it defies description. In a TV interview Nick Clegg revealed that our national debt is costing the country £100 million per day in interest, an amount so huge that it is almost beyond comprehension. Britain's national debt is such that the interest payments alone – never mind repaying the principal – is double the cost of the country's entire legal infrastructure, including running all the prisons.

Official figures posted on the Guardian website for 2010-2011 show debt interest payments of £43.9bn, while the Home Office, Ministry of Justice and Crown Prosecution Service combined spent £20.5bn. Total expenditure was £691.67bn. Meanwhile, the total amount of tax collected by HMRC was £446bn.

Billions are given away in foreign aid (in 2010-2011, the Department for International Development spent £7.69bn, or £21m/day), yet even more is handed over to EU bureaucrats. This bloated federalist regime is so arrogant and cavalier with our money that it continues despite having failed to balance its books for the last 14 years. Billions of euros have evaporated into thin air, or more likely, the back pockets and secret bank accounts of crooked politicians and functionaries. In any normal organisation this state of affairs would cause gangs of financial administrators, lawyers and police to descend upon it. Yet our treasonous politicians continue to defer to it.

It is a truism that bureaucrats create more bureaucrats. The Church of England is a perfect model, with record numbers of bishops and other high clergy presiding over virtually deserted churches. Similarly with the NHS, the more administrators there are, the less efficient the organisation becomes. The last thing a bureaucrat will do is fire himself – there is always someone further down, probably someone actually doing the real work, to take the hit. In government we have EU politicians, Westminster politicians and yet another layer in the Scottish and Welsh assemblies all producing nothing but hot air and making life more complicated and costly for the rest of us.

What we are suffering is a Marxist revolution in slow motion. Perhaps one reason the EU bureaucrats in Brussels can get away

with billions missing from their accounts every year is that the EU police force they've created is totally immune from prosecution. It's like the Soviet state, with a superstructure of bureaucrats who sit pretty while everyone else – the proletariat – has to struggle. At least in Soviet Russia the bread was plentiful and price-controlled. Trouble is, the bureaucrats had cake, and plenty of it. Several British regions now have levels of public sector employment matching the Soviet system. Such a regime has to rely on bribes of inflated salaries, bonuses and cosy sinecures to maintain the status quo. Hence bankers are allowed to get away with giving themselves million-pound bonuses and inane TV presenters sign multi-million pound contracts.

Ordinary TV viewers have no comprehension of the enormous cynicism behind people like Noel Edmonds, who hosts a game show offering "life-changing money" as prizes. Many contestants are lucky to get away with enough for a decent new car. But while Edmonds is puffing up the prizes for the lowly (and secretly despised) viewers, he and 'celebrities' like him are earning that average prize every single week. No wonder they look smug.

Newspapers regularly rant about "dole scroungers," benefit shirkers" and the like, but the press is owned by a tiny oligarchy of media moguls who have become immensely rich playing the system. These oligarchs – many of them foreign and all of them Zionist – are quite happy to inspire the 'worker caste' to uncomplaining effort while they flit between countries in their private jets and treat politicians as the paid stooges that they really are. Except it is us that foot the politicians' wages and all the other costs associated with them, including their absurd expenses claims. The big payoff for politicians comes after they've left office. If they've been loyal, they might get a grossly inflated advance for a book that hardly anyone will buy, and invitations to lecture at American or Chinese institutions for which they are paid hundreds of thousands of pounds a pop. A conservative estimate is that Tony Blair has amassed over £20m since he left office.

People on the dole are supposed to be abashed, but actually according to modern economic theory having a significant number of people permanently unemployed is a perfectly acceptable and reasonable condition. Britain is considered to have a 'structural un-



A 1930s poster from the Works Progress Administration, an agency of Roosevelt's New Deal. Few European-Americans then questioned the work ethic.

employment' level of one million. This serves (extrapolating from economic theory) to drive down wages and enforce conformity on those who are in work. The mass of unemployed motivates the workers to greater obedience and subservience. Keeping misfits and the overly independent out of the employment pool with a fortnightly giro is regarded as the necessary cost of a submissive workforce.

The real crime is that this bloc of misfits, eccentrics, people unwilling to take orders or fit into a rigidly-defined slot in the workplace are precisely the sort of people who in former times invented practically every modern amenity we use today. Now those inventions are being produced by cheap foreign labour and imported, undermining what little remains of our manufacturing base. In a sane society many of the people now regarded as unemployable would be inventing, developing and flourishing.

For those unwilling to toe the line, hardly any opportunity remains for old-fashioned, independent self-employment, almost all having been taken over voracious conglomerates or displaced by imports from the Far East and elsewhere. The divide between compliant workers and the rest, who live a life of leisure on the dole, has widened. In addition to structural unemployment there is transitional or "frictional" unemployment, consisting of workers in-between jobs or retraining for new technology. A third category of unemployed consists of the victims of a recession or depression who are eager to work but cannot. In former times there was zero unemployment – during periods of economic downturn people never became completely redundant, they only worked less because demand for their labour had diminished.

Actually the most cosseted bloc of greedy "dolies" living on state handouts are lawyers. The Legal Aid they collectively receive is £2.1bn annually, about £6m/day. The forms they fill in and submit to the government are effectively just glorified benefit claims: it is dole for the middle classes. Lawyers are the state's foot soldiers, indeed their official status is "officers of the court". The same can be said for the armies of bureaucrats who do little but make work for themselves.

A story exists – the author is unknown, though it's the sort of thing Kurt Vonnegut might write – of a society which collapses because ultimately everyone of working age is either in prison or employed keeping them there. With record imprisonment rates, security guards in every supermarket and thousands employed watching CCTV screens, this once futuristic scenario begins to approach reality.

Putting these enormous sums in context, the total annual bill for Jobseeker's Allowance is currently £4.5bn, while the expenditure on state pensions is a whopping £69.78bn which, rounding up, is seventy thousand million pounds. Perhaps the fiercest criticism that can be levelled at those claiming unemployment benefits is that, when it comes to sucking on the government teat, they are rank amateurs.

A disadvantage of being on the dole is the petty rules which are in place, such as having to declare any earnings over £5, which is

then deducted from benefit. This means anything over £5 earned disappears. It is a rare bird indeed who will declare the odd £10 or £20 earned under these terms, so the practical effect of this petty regulation is to make everyone dishonest. Thus the real function of the rule is to make crooked politicians feel better about all the expenses scams and fiddles of far greater magnitude they have been perpetrating for decades. By encouraging millions to be dishonest, they salve their own corruption.

Then there is the requirement that claimants declare their savings, property and even the cash in their pockets when they make a claim, but never their car. There would be no problem at all claiming dole with a brand new, £100,000 Lamborghini parked in the drive. This is because the motor car is the ultimate tax generator – in its purchase and for every mile travelled, most of the money expended is taken in tax.

Work has many advantages. A regular schedule and social environment are a great benefit and often essential for well-being, as is a sense of self-worth. But the traditional "work ethic", where

we feel we should work to earn our daily bread, has been rendered obsolete by deliberate social policy. It exists now only as a vestige, to make workers feel superior to the unemployed and suppress their demands for higher pay lest they join them. Now there are a hundred applicants for every vacancy, with another fifty Eastern Europeans close at hand eager to do the job for half the money. Actually this is an understatement – not long ago a butcher advertised for an assistant and received 245 applications, including several from graduates with law degrees. Once a CV was demanded for a tractor driver's job, and many educational and official placements require a "commitment to equal opportunities" statement to be signed – effectively an oath

of allegiance to the new religion of political correctness.

The Establishment claims to believe in market forces and free competition but when they were disadvantaged by it, and higher wages were being demanded for menial or otherwise unattractive jobs which had become hard to fill, the government opened our borders to admit cheap labour and undermine those demands. That, they are loath to admit, has led to enormous costs of keeping large immigrants' families in benefit, health care, and additional crime (plus increased crime by native Britons due to reduced social cohesion). These are extra costs the taxpayer is now being asked to pay. That our politicians are incompetent is certainly being too kind, and the general working public is expected to bear the cost of their malfeasance. It wouldn't be so bad but they actually seem to be getting better at making things worse.

So why work, when doing so is to keep a pampered legion of parasites in the comfort to which they've become accustomed? Unless there is an opportunity to make real money, and live completely free of debt, you're better off on the dole and living contentedly within those modest means. Better than stacking shelves for Tesco which, on current trends, will be the only work available soon anyway.

Simon Sheppard, Hull, East Riding



Tony Blair is the most extreme example of a politician well rewarded for serving 21st century oligarchs. Simon Sheppard argues that the work ethic is a delusion – the likes of Blair are paid stooges of the oligarchy, while a "worker caste" is brainwashed into uncomplaining effort.

The end of *American Renaissance* magazine

This relatively long text for *The Sting* I am compelled to write again because while I was writing the first version and had nearly completed it, my computer shut down because of a Windows "update". To make a virtue out of this minor calamity, it serves to remind me, if I needed reminding, of how much time modern technology steals from us without our properly realising, and also how ephemeral and unreliable and impermanent writing with modern media is, less permanent to be sure than keeping records on paper. This is relevant to what I had written and now have to write again, which is to give some news of three steps announced by *American Renaissance* in the latest edition of the group's publication of the same name.

American Renaissance does not, as its name implies, deal with national resurgence or issues of broad national interest. It focuses on racial differences and pleads the cause for racial separation in the world in general and especially in the United States, in order to protect the interests of White people. Two steps recently taken meet with this editor's approval. He has been arguing for them for years. Of the third step I would say it is understandable but ignores a significant drawback.

First of all, what can only be welcomed warmly. Legal action against self styled "anti-fascists". "Impertinence ever encroaches where it is tolerated". I have argued in the past that when dubious or illegal methods are employed to prevent anti-immigration or pro-white groups from holding meetings, the groups employing such a method should be if possible relentlessly and professionally pursued through the proper channels. Taking the setback lying down is an invitation to further and more oppressive initiatives of the same kind. An Indian, called in some circles "native American" has taken the matter in hand as reported in a previous issue of *Sting* and is not letting up. Detailed information can be obtained from the *AR* website.

Secondly, *American Renaissance* has announced that its forthcoming conference will be held not on the Eastern seaboard but in Tennessee. I have long argued that organizations should meet on their home turf, so far as practicable. This strikes me as only common sense but many groups do not see it like that. *AR* for example has been meeting near Washington DC, anything but a friendly environment, while plans for a "conservative bookshop" have been announced for Berlin, the capital not only of the German statelet called BRD but also the hotbed and seat of that statelet's "anti-fascist" movement. Clearly not everyone is as struck by the common sense nature of working on home turf as this editor!

Thirdly, lastly and in my opinion less obviously welcome, is the decision to stop the paper publication of *American Renaissance*. Every paper publication is challenged and challenged seriously by the rocket-like upsurge of the internet and electronic media generally. The coming of the internet has created a vicious circle of falling numbers of subscribers and rising postage costs. Like every paper publication *AR* has seen its paper subscribers decline in numbers and like many paper publications it has been dazzled by statistics showing that many more persons visit its website than subscribe to its paper publication. Such statistics however, are misleading. Visitors to websites do not read with the attention or as much as readers of a paper publication. It is not easy to back this up with a statistic (as it is easy to back up mere numbers with a statistic) but everyone I have spoken to on the subject concurs with my view that they read a paper printed publication with more attention to detail and more thoroughly than something published online.



(left) Jared Taylor meets the press after the cancellation of last year's *American Renaissance* conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. (right) The print edition of *AR* ceased publication at the start of this year.



My own experience illustrates the point. I have been a reader for many years of two publications, the aforementioned *American Renaissance* and the *de Vere Newsletter*, the publication of the *de Vere Society*. Five years ago when both publications came with the post, I used to read about 80% of *AR* and 60% of the *de Vere newsletter*. *AR* subsequently went digital. I continue to read 60% or more of the *de Vere newsletter*. Since *AR* (the contents of which remain unchanged in quality) went digital I have been missing entire issues and of issues which I do click open I read about 25%.

As a final comment on drawbacks of digital communication – I wanted to quote from the issue of *American Renaissance* that contains the news to which I am referring, but after the Windows shutdown, through which I lost my first version of this newsletter, I could not find the *AR* piece again. Sure, I could find it using sundry computer tools, but life is too short, there is money which has to be earned. The "time saving" element of computer work is largely exaggerated. It was not clear from the *AR* news whether the electronic *AR* will be continuing or not. Presumably it will, since the costs arguments cited for closing the paper publication obviously do not apply in the case of an electronic newsletter. Should the newsletter be also closing for whatever reason and reliance be placed on the website alone, I can say with some assurance that the proportion of *AR* that I would be reading would sink from the current 25% to about 5%. Yes, I maybe an extreme case, because I am something of a Luddite so far as modern technology is concerned, but I think the general tendency I have described is correct. Over reliance on digital technology may encourage passiveness and superficiality. *Cave cave cave*.

Michael Walker, Köln, Germany

*Editor's note: We have reprinted Mr Walker's article from his *Sting E-Mail* newsletter as he makes some very good points regarding American Renaissance. AR magazine – having been published by Jared Taylor and his New Century Foundation since November 1990 – ceased both paper and electronic publication with its January 2012 edition. The AR conference will however go ahead in Nashville, Tennessee in March 2012, and the website will continue online at www.amren.com. Most back issues of the paper edition of the magazine are still available (for \$4.00 each). When I started Heritage and Destiny magazine with Carl Knittle back in 1998, we were inspired by what Jared Taylor had done and we based the layout of H&D on AR. Mr Walker – as the former editor/publisher of the Scorpion magazine – knows all too well himself how very difficult it is to keep a quality hard-copy publication going. However, with your support, we plan to carry on publishing H&D – in paper format – as long as we can.*

Ron Paul 2012 – is there still hope?

The 2012 presidential election might yet break the mould of American politics, with Texas congressman Ron Paul winning substantial support for policies that are the direct opposite of everything that has dominated the Republican Party since the 1950s.

So-called 'paleoconservatives' have been unsure how far Ron Paul shares their views, since he has shown little interest in the social conservative agenda (such as opposition to 'gay rights' and abortion) that was the main plank of previous challenges from the Republican right. Paul is also opposed to the protectionist economic nationalism espoused by Pat Buchanan, the strongest previous conservative opponent of the Washington insider consensus, though he backed Buchanan's 1992 presidential campaign. He has a radical libertarian commitment to the ideals of the U.S. Constitution, and supports the *laissez-faire* and sound money theories of the Austrian economic and political theorists Ludwig von Mises and Friedrich Hayek.

While libertarianism might seem the opposite of racial nationalism, there can be little doubt that Paul's determination to cut the federal government's bloated spending programmes would in practice advance the interests of White Americans, who now have to subsidise a bloated politically correct bureaucracy supporting welfare-dependant 'African-Americans'.

Paul has also attacked the source of America's financial troubles, with calls to audit the Federal Reserve. As he writes on his campaign website: *The Federal Reserve is the chief culprit behind the economic crisis. Its unchecked power to create endless amounts of money out of thin air brought us the boom and bust cycle and causes one financial bubble after another. Since the Fed's creation in 1913 the dollar has lost more than 96% of its value, and by recklessly inflating the money supply the Fed continues to distort interest rates and intentionally erodes the value of the dollar.*

During the current financial crisis, terrified by the prospect of Paul harnessing public anger at the bankocracy, Washington's political establishment has not taken him on directly, but instead has sought to sideline his proposals through detailed amendments in congressional committee sessions.

Even more radical than his financial arguments – and quite impossible to reconcile with the Ziocon agenda that dominates Capitol Hill – is Ron Paul's foreign policy agenda.

Instead of securing our borders, we've been planning, initiating and waging wars of aggression. ... America first. That is what Ron Paul's national defense proposal is all about. And with America he means all Americans, not just the elite. If elected President, Ron Paul will continue his efforts to secure our borders, safely bring our troops back home, and finally overhaul the intelligence apparatus in cooperation with intelligence professionals rather than political opportunists.

As Scott McConnell points out in the February 2012 issue of *The American Conservative*, this non-interventionist position represents the views of: *...a group of millions that can claim no prominent leaders in Congress, no regular newspaper columnists to shape and focus its thinking, no significant representation on the cable news shows to validate and amplify its ideas. What might happen if this group found a political voice? More than any other factor, this question accounts for the vehemence of the attacks on Ron Paul.*

Sure enough a mysterious group of internet hackers has targeted the website and emails of the American Third Position, a small party run by Prof. Kevin MacDonald and Dr Tomislav Sunic, to discover "evidence" of connections between Ron Paul and the racial nationalist movement. The chair of the Democratic National Committee, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, has denounced him in strong language:

Ron Paul has a terrible record when it comes to Israel, and when it comes to the issues that matter to the Jewish community and when it comes to his apparent views about Jews in general.

So far Paul has not won a primary or caucus, but polled 21.5% in Iowa, 23% in New Hampshire, 13% in South Carolina (where his opposition to military spending and lack of interest in social conservatism was expected to be a big handicap), 19% in Nevada, 27% in Minnesota and 36% in Maine.



(left to right) Presidential candidate Dr Ron Paul with Stormfront founder Don Black and his son Derek Black, Republican Party activist and radio host.

The social conservative agenda is represented this year by former Pennsylvania senator Rick Santorum, whose Christian Zionism often takes a rabidly apocalyptic tone, at the opposite pole from the Ron Paul / Pat Buchanan foreign policy. Pat Buchanan twice entered the Republican nomination race during the 1990s, before finally quitting the party for his doomed Reform Party candidature in 2000. The 1992 campaign was a quixotic effort to unseat President George H.W. Bush. Buchanan focused mostly on economic issues and won 37% in the opening New Hampshire primary, eventually gaining 23% of the primary votes as the only serious challenger to Bush. Eventually backing the Bush campaign, Buchanan used his strong primary performance to influence the 1992 Republican convention, where his speech stressed the social conservative agenda:

There is a religious war going on in our country for the soul of America. It is a cultural war, as critical to the kind of nation we will one day be as was the Cold War itself.

In 1996 Buchanan fought his strongest campaign in a far more open field of Republican candidates seeking to take on Bill Clinton. Again his main focus was on the decline of American manufacturing industry, calling for protectionist measures and opposing the North American Free Trade Agreement – NAFTA – signed in 1994. After winning early caucuses in Alaska and Louisiana, and very narrowly winning the New Hampshire primary, Buchanan was overtaken by the better financed campaign of Senate majority leader Bob Dole, but he still ended with 21% of the overall primary votes.

Buchanan was now seen as the leading standard bearer of the conservative movement, and many racial nationalist activists (including *H&D* editor Mark Cotterill) rallied to his campaign in 2000 when he quit the Republican Party and won the Reform Party nomination. This third party was founded to support a presidential bid in 1996 by the maverick billionaire Ross Perot, who won backing from a broad coalition of voters disenchanted by Washington insider politics, but had never in any meaningful sense been sympathetic to racial nationalism.

Significantly by 2000 Buchanan was stressing his opposition to 'neo-conservative' foreign policy, or what I have termed the Ziocons. This was more than a year before the events of 9/11 put the Ziocons in full control, but Buchanan and Ron Paul (who rejected early offers to defect to the Reform Party) were already highlighting the danger. Buchanan explained his resignation from the Republicans in these terms:

The Republican Party at the national level has ceased to be my party. This divorce began around the end of the Cold War when President (George) Bush declared it to be a New World Order party and began intervening all over the world. While he and I were allies and friends during the Cold War, I just felt that once the Cold War was over the United States should return to a more traditional non-intervention foreign policy.

Sadly, Buchanan took the advice of his sister Bay and purged his campaign of anyone linked to racial nationalism – especially of anyone who had previously backed David Duke – failing to heed the warning of his old friend Sam Francis that this would eviscerate his campaign. He then compounded his error by opting for a black vice-presidential running mate, former high school teacher Ezola Foster. The resulting electoral meltdown saw the Buchanan-Foster ticket poll just 0.4%. Their 449,225 votes nationwide were fewer than David Duke had polled in the state of Louisiana alone, but remarkably similar to the 431,750 polled by Ron Paul as a Libertarian candidate for President in 1988.

The logic of Ron Paul's policies would push him into breaking away from the Republicans and fighting a third party campaign later this year, but I suspect that (having seen the dismal failure of the 2000 Buchanan campaign) he will be tempted to remain within the party, build up a block of delegates to the Republican convention where he will seek to influence the platform, and lay the foundations of a long term presidential campaign for his son, Senator Rand Paul, elected in Kentucky in 2010.

Peter Rushton, Manchester, England

Letters From Readers



Sir – I wish to convey my congratulations to Lady Michèle Renouf and Richard Edmonds, for representing Britain at the Festival of European Action in Switzerland. The Movement certainly seems to be going from strength to strength, especially as some 200 Nationalists from across Europe attended the Rally. This could be the start of something really great, leading to the eventual liberation of Europe and her peoples.

I should point out that the Swiss-based *Europäische Aktion* (European Action – The Movement for a Free Europe), should not be confused with the UK-based *European Action* (now renamed *European Socialist Action*), a newspaper edited by the Ramsgate cartoonist Robert Edwards, who attacks the Swiss organisation as "racists" and "Holocaust deniers". In a recent 'Supplement to European Socialist Action No. 37' he attacks "Heritage & Destiny" magazine of the Holocaust-denying English Freedom Party" (*sic* – he means the England First Party), and refers to "Peter Rushton, a suspected Trotskyist of long standing". (I hope Mr Rushton will take the opportunity to defend himself in *H & D*).

Some years ago I used to contribute articles and letters to Edwards' paper, and I gave him a large donation. He has since turned on me as well, ludicrously alleging I have "sympathies for ultra-traditional Roman Catholicism of the reactionary Tridentine Mass variety, those who want to blame the death of Christ on the Jews, and sympathises with extreme and violent Irish republicanism". In fact, I was brought up in the Church of England but I do have a soft spot for revisionist Bishop Richard Williamson of the Catholic Society of St Pius X, and I have attended one of his meetings; a lecture on the great German composer Richard Wagner. I am actually quite tolerant in religious matters, and I have attended Odinist Pagan and New Right meetings, and the NR adopts a polytheistic stance. I do NOT support "extreme and violent Irish republicanism" (!). Sinn Fein/IRA are pro-Marxist not genuine Irish Patriots such as the Democratic Right Movement, Celtic Wolves and Immigration Control Platform of Ireland. Furthermore, I wish to see peace between the white British and white Irish peoples and I oppose terrorism, whether it has been carried out by the IRA/INLA or UVF/UDA.

Curiously, Edwards claims to be a 'Mosley supporter' yet he sells Communist Party booklets on his Mosley Facsimiles website, such as *Ten Points Against Fascism* and *Mosley Exposed – The Blackshirt Racket*. What kind of 'Mosley supporter' sells material attacking the late great Oswald Mosley?! Edwards also says our problems are wholly economic not racial, even though Mosley himself opposed coloured and Jewish immigration, mixed marriages and proposed the repatriation of non-European immigrants with fares paid, to good jobs and homes in their own countries of ancestral origin. In issue No. 3 of his rag Edwards stated that the Muslim invasion of Spain was a good thing?! Do Muslim Afghans think the American invasion of their country is a good thing? I doubt it!

In *The Guardian* newspaper (17.2.1994) Edwards stated "I have renounced the racist profession. I am not a fascist, not a racist". Edwards (a former convict) also appeared on the television programme *Guns for the Right* with Sonia Gable of the Zionist anti-fascist magazine *Searchlight*, to smear his former Mosleyite comrades in the League of St George (a purely political club), as "bomb makers" and "terrorists" etc. The official Mosley organisation the Friends of Oswald Mosley (FOM) will have nothing to do with him. Edwards spends most of his time on the *British Democracy Forum* attacking Nationalists as "racist".

There are more details about the strange character known as Robert Hamilton Edwards on the *Vanguard News Network* United Kingdom internet forum, on a thread entitled 'Bob Edwards – Enemy Collaborator', for those interested in exposing his uncomradely shenanigans.

Yours in Comradeship,
Robert Best, Sussex, England

Peter Rushton replies: To the best of my knowledge I have never met Robert Edwards, nor had any dealings with him, so I was bemused to find myself attacked in his journal. My supposed "Trotskyism" consists of having voted in favour of the far left's right to create an internet newsgroup (back in the days when Usenet groups were the thing rather than web pages and forums). I'm not sure what was wrong with this, given that we have far more to gain than the Left from internet freedoms. If at this late stage someone wishes to create a Usenet group promoting Robert Edwards, I'll support their right to do so!



Sir – I recently read that former Young National Front organiser Joe Pearce, no less, is publishing a number of essays from his RC University redoubt, arguing that William Shakespeare was a closet Roman Catholic. In the course of his claim he has to dismiss the idea that WS was the Earl of Oxford. This he does with rather more energy and scorn than rational argument. His curt dismissal of doubters calls to mind the arrogant dismissal of challengers of another orthodoxy. In fact there are some interesting parallels between the Oxford challenge to Stratford orthodoxy and the challenge to Holocaust orthodoxy, especially so far as the reactions to those challenges is concerned.

Best Regards

Michael Walker, Cologne, Germany



Sir – Endorsing free speech works to help our cause only because this allows converging towards, as opposed to hardening against, truth. To praise a preacher for being willing to speak out fails tests against worthless challenge, in cases where someone lacks willingness to support better conclusions.

As opposed to testing someone by reference to endorsement of previous generations' professions of faith, each decade sees new names whom one must either support or challenge once these arrive.

In authority means having responsibility, but when those "in authority" lack responsibility or skill, then each responsibility of necessity devolves upon someone else who should take responsibility for something.

Even when Charlemagne (in the words of Norman Cantor) took pains "to find out the proper way" to hold services, that could be problematic because options within circles of advisers might lower the quality of decisions.

Yours sincerely,

Jamie Begg, Worthing, West Sussex



Sir – Sidney Secular in Maryland (*H&D* 47) writes that the great Republic is heading for vast social strife. Masses of workers are unemployed and poverty stricken, reducing them to material and cultural poverty. Then the alien-controlled media projects images of them as welfare junkies, a sort of low-class social garbage who "can't even get a job".

How can you get a job when the owners of the factors of production are "outsourcing" to cheap labour areas like Latin America or SE Asia or China? One American firm moved its factors of production to China – they actually offered American workers a job in China (at a tenth of their former wages).

Mr Secular suggests poverty in America is down to debt. One textbook on economics I read a few years ago said America had a debt of trillions of dollars. It took all the taxes raised from the Atlantic seaboard to the Mississippi-Missouri rivers that bisect the great American Republic just to service that massive debt. That is half America is paying taxes to pay the interest on that debt to alien bankers: debt that has increased by trillions since I read that textbook. If America defaults on its payments, a massive economic crash like the Wall Street Crash of 1929 will inevitably result, and it will cause the Western economies to collapse. We will experience another "Hungry Thirties" (when I came into this bad old world).

It must be emphasised all this is totally unnecessary. America has discovered vast lakes of oil below the ground at Prudhoe Bay in Alaska: just

one of these lakes contains more oil than there is in all of Saudi Arabia. The bureaucrats in Washington DC ordered the wells to be capped. They even ordered vast quantities of gas to be pumped back underground. This is not political insanity: it is obviously part of a sinister conspiracy to destroy the United States economically. The bureaucrats who ordered these wells to be capped are no friends of America, in fact if they claim U.S. citizenship they are traitors warring against that great republic's welfare.

Here's an America with trillions of dollars in debt. It has millions of folk unemployed. That oil would save America if it were sold to Japan, China and Europe. It would not be long until they had paid off the trillions they owe to the bankers. If they reduced the price of oil, it would be a boost to the U.S. economy, and lots of folk would be back at work once more. America would be the most economically prosperous nation on earth. As it is, she is teetering on the verge of a vast economic slump like 1929.

Why is this so? Who is at the back of this anti-American policy line? Some think it must be the big oil majors. If folk can buy cheap oil out of Prudhoe in Alaska, then they won't buy dear oil out of the Middle East. In fact the USA could pull out of the Middle East, where vast strife is building up as a consequence of the bully boy tactics of Israel and its Jewish lobby in the United States. That lobby relies on the military might of America to prop up Israel in the Middle East. Thus we see America with its Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean and its Fifth Fleet in the Arabian Sea. They also have strong air forces and military on an island off the coast of Africa. The Prudhoe Bay oil discovery renders all this unnecessary. America doesn't need Middle East oil: it can pull out of that region and save spending billions on Middle East oil.

This of course would not please the Jewish lobby in America: they are ready to defend Israel with U.S. blood and suffering. So is it the Jewish lobby who got the Prudhoe Bay wells capped? Whoever did it has massive power in America, and is no friend of the United States, nor of the Western economies at large. Why should America fight Israel's battles for them? Right now the Israeli Defence Force is stronger than Britain's. Russell Warren Howe tells us in his book *Weapons* that Israel had thousands of armoured vehicles and some 1,500 planes, with over a third being first class war planes.

They also have five subs (last I read) built in Germany. These are fitted with U.S. Harpoon rocket launchers. Each sub can carry 25 missiles, and each missile is fitted with an atomic fuse so that's 125 nuclear weapons Israel can send silently under the sea to blast 125 cities of perceived enemies into heaps of radioactive rubble. Let them defend themselves I say. We've endured enough pain and loss propping up the power of Zionism in this world.

Yours sincerely,

Harry Mullin, Glasgow, Scotland



Sir – I see that Alex Carlile is very pleased with his CBE for investigating terrorism, perhaps he should now investigate David Cameron, Gordon Brown and Tony Blair for war crimes as they have all authorised attacks on foreign countries that had not attacked us.

They are responsible for the murder, maiming and endangering British armed service personnel for no vital British interest. As a result of all these wars the British people are no better off, and more despised around the world. Only the Falklands, Northern Ireland or Gibraltar represent legitimate British interests. Only these or we being otherwise attacked, or threatened could justify any military action. This was not the case with Iraq, Afghanistan or for that matter Libya. The real reason for these interventions was regime change using humanitarian concerns as a disguise. As a result hundreds of thousands of civilians have been killed.

A true British government should concern itself with the well being of our own people and not go off around the world intervening in other people's disputes. The British should be pulled out of Afghanistan like the Soviet Union did, indeed we shall have to do so sooner or later, with the same results. Better sooner than later as it is not worth one serviceman's life.

After a fair trial David, Tony and Gordon can spend a long term behind bars, else who knows what other wars we shall get embroiled in. Alex Carlile would then truly have earned his CBE. Beware of leader David Cameron getting us into another with Iran.

Yours sincerely,

Milton Ellis, Newtown, Wales

Sir – I am in absolute full agreement with Peter Rushton, I am absolutely fed up with the BNP's single obsession on Islam. What Peter has said should apply to every other Nationalist party in Britain: i.e. EFP, Dem Nats, NF, BPP, BFP, Free Dems, Britannica and Britain First-NPP etc in which there should be campaigns not just against Islamic mosques or halal food but other issues that affect our villages, towns and cities.

As well as 'No more mosques' or 'No to halal food' what about 'No more supermarkets', 'No more night clubs' and 'No more takeaways'? The BNP will only make noise about them if they are linked to Islam but if it is anything else the BNP will just be dead silent.

I have cited those three as detrimental because of the impact they make:

– Supermarkets out-compete the butcher, the baker, the greengrocer and the shopkeeper, destroy the greenbelt, create these ugly car parks and buildings and avoid paying corporation tax.

– Nightclubs promote binge drinking, extreme noisiness, unnerving atmosphere, promiscuity, rowdy behaviour and damage the peace of the town at night. That puts a burden on our police and ambulances.

– Takeaways sell unhealthy processed food and are not a good lifestyle for our children at which to eat. McDonalds and Burger King should be clamped down in all areas in which we thrive and replaced with cafés that serve healthy food.

Just imagine that the local butcher were selling halal food but not the local supermarket? Oops! It is not halal food that drives other shops out of business, it is not Islam that promotes binge drinking and rowdy behaviour on the streets but so far that is not something that the BNP talks about.

Talk about bogus asylum seekers not paying tax and sponging off our glorious welfare state, what about tax evading capitalists who do not pay corporation tax? The BNP has made absolutely no noise about Goldman Sachs for having cosy relationships with HMRC and avoiding payment of the £20,000,000 it ought to pay. There was no noise made by the BNP about Vodafone for evading corporation tax in Britain even though India took Vodafone to court for not paying tax. When are Nationalists going to start acting like UK Uncut for once? When will Nationalists start to campaign for scrapping the debt-based monetary system to decrease inflation and unemployment? No wonder that the Marxists call us the tools of the capitalists!

Added to that, the party does not campaign against abortion, homosexuality, pornography or even irresponsible mothers sponging off the taxpayer. All of my frustration is directed against Cultural Marxist-Liberalism, not Islam.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Jones, Ceredigion, Wales

Peter Rushton replies: It is strange indeed that nationalists have become obsessed by a supposed Islamic threat, to the point that one supposed nationalist group – the British Freedom Party – now describes itself as part of the "counter-jihad". Mosques and halal shops are simply a reflection of more Muslims living here. In themselves they are no "threat" whatsoever, any more than the growth in various Baptist and Pentecostal churches reflecting increased numbers of Afro-Caribbeans and black Africans, or the spread of Polish delis catering for Eastern European immigrant workers. The problem is mass immigration, not the religion that certain immigrants happen to follow. Just what "freedoms" are the BFP interested in defending? The freedom to charge interest rates of 2,000%, as offered by one widely advertised loan company? The freedoms that have led to a doubling of alcohol-related deaths over the past thirty years? The freedom of big corporations to defy planning laws and evade tax? All of these "freedoms" are a serious threat to our people. Islam is not.



Movement News Update

Just after our last issue went to press, the BNP continued even further down the road to electoral oblivion with a lost deposit in the **Feltham & Heston** parliamentary by-election on 15th December. Though Heston is now very Asian, there should have been real potential for nationalism in Feltham, which remains mostly white working class. At the previous two elections both the BNP and the National Front had finished ahead of UKIP. Nationalist potential in this area has been most evident at Greater London elections: in 2008 the NF polled 3.6% across Hounslow, while the BNP list achieved 5.4%. Way back in 1973 the NF's Feltham & Heston candidate Mrs Josephine Reid polled 11.3% at the GLC elections.

So despite demographic changes this by-election should have seen the BNP polling well over 5%, especially if there was to be any hope of the party retaining its GLA seat in May 2012. Yet even with Labour fielding an Asian candidate for the first time in this majority White constituency, the BNP's David Furness managed only 540 votes (2.3%), well behind UKIP's Andrew Charalambous who saved his deposit with 5.5%. This was the worst BNP vote at a parliamentary by-election for more than eleven years – since Chris Jackson's 1.1% in **Preston** in November 2000. After over a decade of Griffinism and having spent literally millions of pounds, the BNP is back where it started, and still falling.

Meanwhile the English Democrats failed to make any impact: their candidate Roger Cooper polled 322 votes (1.4%), admittedly in a constituency the EDs had never previously contested. There was better news for the EDs on 22nd December in the Birchills Leamore ward of **Walsall**, where Chris Newey finished third with 130 votes (8.2%), defeating UKIP. This was the first ED campaign in the ward, though Mr Newey had previously polled 2.6% in Walsall's Bloxwich East ward in October 2011 and 5.7% in Pheasey Park Farm ward in the main May 2011 elections.

Few by-elections occurred in early 2012, with most vacancies being held over until the main polling day in May. On 9th February the BNP's Mark Plowman contested the Towcester division of **Northamptonshire** County Council, where Labour failed to stand a candidate due to local incompetence. Mr Plowman polled 66 votes (3.1%) compared to UKIP's 124 votes (5.9%). The outcome was a rare Liberal Democrat gain in what had been a safe Conservative seat.

Perhaps the most interesting 2012 by-election so far was on 16th February in the Ibstock & Heather ward of **NW Leicestershire**, which former BNP candidate Ivan Hammonds contested as an Independent against UKIP and Green opposition as well as the three main parties. Mr Hammonds came very close to winning this ward for the BNP in two by-elections during 2008, polling 28.2% in January and 30.8% in December, just fifteen votes behind the Labour winner.

Together with Leicestershire county councillor Graham Partner and most other BNP activists in the area, Mr Hammonds quit the BNP in 2010 and is now close to the Bradford-based Democratic Nationalists. In this year's by-election he polled 125 votes (9.0%), way ahead of UKIP's 1.9%. This was a very creditable vote for a nationalist standing without the benefit of an easily recognised party label.

UKIP's Steve Povey sadly died at the end of October 2011, having been both a district and county councillor in Leek, Staffordshire, where a double by-election was held on 9th February. Mr Povey probably had a substantial personal vote, and his son Alex Povey was always going to struggle to hold these two seats in Leek North ward, **Staffordshire Moorlands**, and the Leek South division of **Staffordshire** County Council.

Labour gained the borough ward with a huge majority, while the Conservatives won the county division in a four-way split. UKIP is left with seven county councillors and nineteen unitary or district councillors.

By comparison the BNP now has one county councillor and eight district councillors.

More evidence of the BNP's collapse came with a by-election for the Castle division, on **Cumbria** County Council, on 1st March. This is close to Nick Griffin's headquarters run by his right-hand man and election organiser Clive Jefferson. The city council ward here was contested several times by the BNP in recent years, notably at a March 2009 by-election where they pushed the Conservative into fourth place and polled 19.7%. Even at the county election two months later the BNP polled 10.4%. Yet there was not even a BNP candidate here this year!

Similarly in the Waltham Cross division of **Hertfordshire**, where the BNP polled 17.4% at the last county election in 2009, there will be no BNP candidate for this year's by-election on 22nd March. This is about twenty miles away from the South Oxhey division where the BNP's Deirdre Gates won in 2009, and adjacent to Cheshunt, which had been one of the few strong BNP areas in South East England outside London. Both Cllr Gates and the Cheshunt BNP branch defected to the English Democrats last year, so it is surprising that the EDs will also be unrepresented on the Waltham Cross ballot paper.

During early 2012 the BNP leadership continued to be more active in the courts than in politics. An embarrassing case began at Carlisle Crown Court on 12th March, where Belfast printer Dave Sloan was accused of blackmail offences in connection with an unpaid £50,000 debt owed to his firm by Nick Griffin's party. Mr Sloan's friends allegedly travelled to Cumbria and Wales pursuing the debt and intimidating Griffin's daughter, son-in-law and father. According to one Ulster source:

These guys meant business. The printing company wants their money. They are run by a man who has plenty of friends.

There were four men. They called at Jenny's house but she wasn't there so they went to Nick Griffin's dad's house in Welshpool.

Griffin's dad has money and bailed his son out before. The message from this gang was very simple – 'Pay what's owed or we'll be back'.

*The BNP have left a lot of Ulster businesses in the sh*t. They owe hundreds of thousands of pounds but they have no way of paying up because they are practically bankrupt.*

Meanwhile Martin Wingfield, former editor of the BNP newspaper *Voice of Freedom*, has begun an unfair dismissal case against the party, as has his former colleague and BNP treasurer John Walker. Neither should expect rapid justice, since Griffin usually strings out such legal processes for as long as possible in the hope that creditors or other wronged individuals will give up in despair.

These cases stem from the BNP's happier days in 2009, when two MEPs were elected and became entitled to a staff budget. Sadly the culture of the party determined that instead of finding suitable candidates for these staff positions, they were treated as opportunities to award jobs Soviet style to loyal party hacks. Some of these also happened to be individuals of high ability (such as Wingfield and Chris Beverley, who in other circumstances would have made good MEPs themselves), while some others had less obvious qualifications.

To maximise the available Euro-resources, some staff members did the same job for both MEPs. This was fine while Messrs Griffin and Brons were on amicable terms, but became an impossible position once they had become bitter enemies. Staff members were inevitably seen as aligned to either faction. Ideally there would have been an agreement to sever links with one office or the other, and for Bronsites and Griffinites to end up clearly on the payroll of one or the other. But remember – this is the BNP, where nothing is ever settled in a responsible fashion.

The most grotesque consequence so far is an employment tribunal case just beginning in Edinburgh, brought by Michelle Harrington against Andrew Brons and staff member Eddy Butler for unfair dismissal and



London BNP's campaign for this year's GLA and Mayoral elections was rocked by scandal after former model Claudia Dalgleish (centre) accused party chairman Nick Griffin (left) of indecent exposure. Her allegations were carried in two national newspapers. Mayoral candidate will be Carlos Cortiglia (right), born in Uruguay, who has attracted his own unwelcome headlines for supporting Argentina in the 1982 Falklands War. Ms Dalgleish's former partner Steve Squire will be the lead candidate for the GLA seat won last time by the BNP's Richard Barnbrook.

"sexual and religious discrimination". The only reason for the American-born Mrs Harrington being employed on a £36,000 salary at European taxpayers' expense is that her husband Patrick Harrington effectively controls the BNP, as right-hand man to Nick Griffin.

This is the same Mr Harrington who during an earlier factional split in nationalism used to hold meetings of his clique at his family's Knightsbridge flat, where his mother – a self-proclaimed "white witch" – produced effigies of Brons, Wingfield and other rivals, which those present were told to stick pins into and spit on. The present Mrs Harrington fits well into such a milieu, as when not earning her £36,000 in Euro-loot she spends her time in a punk band performing as "Mish Bondage", with lurid photographs plastered across the internet.

Despite this taste for publicity, Mr and Mrs Harrington asked the employment tribunal to disguise her identity during the current case. Having chosen to start a factional war over the various BNP staff positions rather than seek an amicable settlement, Harrington now has the chutzpah to start bleating about privacy and stress. Remember this is the man who once telephoned the parents of another factional opponent, Tom Acton and (pretending to be a doctor) told them their son had died in a road accident.

In mid-February the courts were still processing the expenses bill from Griffin's failed case against the so-called 'Decembrist' rebels, a group of former BNP employees. This is certain to cost the party more than £100,000. At a sparsely attended party organisers' conference on 4th February, Griffin admitted that BNP accounts for 2010 that have supposedly just been submitted to the Electoral Commission will show debts of £850,000, and that this will lead to serious questions about the organisation's viability.

Yet Griffin insisted that merely by still existing the BNP had proved its critics wrong. Two and a half years after winning a couple of seats in the European Parliament, the party chairman seriously believes that it is some sort of achievement still to be in business. Virtually no election campaigns are being fought, two year old printers' bills remain unpaid, and meetings attract a dozen or so deluded diehards, yet Nick Griffin believes that he has something to be proud of.

The tragedy is that the 2012 local elections – and most importantly the Greater London Assembly and mayoral elections – will be another missed opportunity, as the BNP will be too weak to fight any proper campaigns, but merely by its continuing ghostly existence serves to obstruct the necessary work of recreating a united, determined and credible nationalist party.

To their great credit National Front candidates (including BNP veterans Richard Edmonds and Tess Culnane) are likely to stand in a number of GLA constituencies, as will members of the English Democrats organised by former BNP election guru Eddy Butler. The GLA seat won by the BNP's Richard Barnbrook in 2008 is sadly certain to be lost, as no nationalist party (including the BNP) has any realistic chance of reaching the 5% threshold required across Greater London. Mr Barnbrook's BNP slate only just passed the threshold four years ago, polling 5.3% at a time when the party was in much better shape.

This year's BNP slate is to be headed by London organiser Steve Squire (alias Steve Mendoza) a businessman who faces numerous scandalous allegations, some brought by his former girlfriend and fellow nationalist activist, South African model Claudia Dalgleish. The insistence of Squire and Griffin on appointing Uruguayan immigrant Carlos Cortiglia as the BNP's mayoral candidate had already generated embarrassing headlines. This was nothing compared to the full page articles on 26th February in the *Mail on Sunday* and *Daily Star on Sunday* (with combined sales of more than 2.5 million copies as well as worldwide internet readership), under headlines such as "Ex-model says BNP leader exposed himself".

Ms Dalgleish writes that when she first joined the BNP in 2009 her then partner Steve Squire and party chairman Griffin urged her to spend her time "as an attack dog on the internet. For those who do not know, an attack dog is someone who anonymously attacks and defames political opponents on

internet chat forums and social networking sites such as Facebook. I am ashamed to say that I went along with it. My only excuse is that I was keen to do whatever was asked of me to further what I thought was the good of the cause."

Both newspapers went on to make explicit allegations of an incident in September 2011, suggesting that Mr Griffin committed the criminal offence of indecent exposure.

Against this grim background some progress towards building the foundations of post-Griffin nationalist unity was made at a meeting in Bradford on 4th February, where the keynote speaker was Andrew Brons MEP, and other speakers included myself, Dave Jones of the BPP, former BNP councillor Dr Jim Lewthwaite, and former BNP and UKIP candidate Dr Paul Rimmer. Messages of support were read from the National Front's Richard Edmonds and from Ken Booth, former North East regional organiser of the BNP. A more detailed report from this meeting is online at www.efp.org.uk

One group not represented in Bradford was the new British Freedom Party, political wing of the English Defence League. BFP leader and former UKIP candidate Paul Weston has been moving the party ever closer to the ultra-militant wing of Zionism. Weston's meeting in Toronto on 20th February was organised by Meir Weinstein of the Zionist terrorist Jewish Defense League. Among many other criminal incidents, Weinstein was caught by police in 1995 trying to break into the property of German-Canadian publisher Ernst Zündel, and in 2007 two of his activists were arrested for assaulting the Canadian racial nationalist writer and broadcaster Paul Fromm.

Last year Weinstein and the JDL organised a rally that was addressed via Skype by EDL leader Tommy Robinson. Through this JDL tie-up Robinson, Weston and their cronies have shown that they stand with our most violent enemies. They should be treated accordingly henceforth. It appears that in any case the Weston-Robinson strategy is failing to recruit the EDL's street activists to their new British Freedom Party.

During February the BNP abandoned its previous policy of dissociating itself from the EDL, instead trying to tie itself to the EDL's coat tails at anti-Muslim demonstrations in Liverpool and Hyde. During the Liverpool demo outside the Crown Court, where a group of Muslim men were standing trial on paedophile offences, Griffin happily posed with a football hooligan brandishing a Celtic Cross flag, combining two of the very images he has sought to purge from the BNP during the past decade. Griffin now has no political strategy – if he ever had one – and is reduced to milking any and every chance for publicity and donations.

On 18th February a joint effort by CXF, Loyalist, racial nationalists and Infidels stopped a pro IRA/Sinn Fein march in Liverpool. This was the first time ever a Republican march has been physically stopped in Liverpool. Far left blogs are already calling for Anti-Fascist Action to be reformed – see review of AFA history on page 12 of this issue.

Following meetings of BNP members in Tameside and Wigan (the Tameside meeting was addressed by Andrew Brons MEP) contact was made with the Democratic Nationalists Party. A party officer informs us that in each case approximately a dozen membership application forms and information sheets were requested by the respective branches for interested members. A big challenge for the Democratic Nationalists and the BNP in Yorkshire appeared just as this issue went to press, with the resignation of Bradford West MP Marsha Singh, and consequent parliamentary by-election on a date to be decided soon. The combined nationalist vote here in 2010 was 4.5%.

In the last issue of H&D (Movement News) I described EDL activist Eddie Stampton as "*the former EDL forum moderator*" – this was incorrect and I apologize for getting this wrong.

Peter Rushton, Manchester, England

Movie Review – *The Iron Lady*



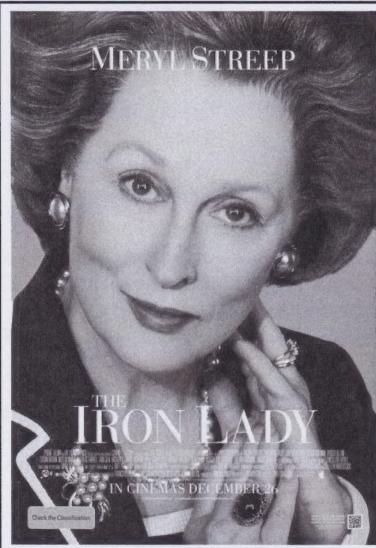
Released UK – January 2012; USA – December 2011;
UK distribution by 20th Century Fox; director Phyllida Lloyd; running time 105 minutes; Rated 15; Not yet available on DVD.

As a young nationalist active in the NF in the late 1970s Margaret Thatcher was pretty close to the top of my "hate-list". Maggie more than any other right-wing Tory MP was responsible for destroying the NF at the 1979 election. Her talk of Britain being "swamped" by immigrants did more harm to the nationalist cause than all the Anti-Nazi League carnivals put together. She won back to the Tory Party tens of thousands of working class voters who had switched their loyalties to the NF during the Ted Heath years. Racial-nationalism in Britain – and not just the NF – would not recover from Thatcherism for at least ten years.

Meryl Streep has won two Academy Awards. But she's also been nominated 16 times – more than anybody else. However, the last time she took home an Oscar was back in 1983 for *Sophie's Choice*. Backed by the marketing prowess of the Weinstein Co., Streep's turn as Margaret Thatcher will likely garner her a seventeenth nod, and she deserves another statuette not just for impersonating the longest-serving prime minister in the UK and the first female elected to lead a Western government, but for capturing the fading dignity of a powerful woman in the twilight of her life, denied her freedom and losing her grip on reality.

Spanning forty years, *The Iron Lady* attempts to recount, in just 105 minutes, Thatcher's impressively lengthy career through the filter of her memories. Today, she is in her 80s, her movements restricted to her home out of concern for her safety, so she must content herself with chastising her husband Denis (Jim Broadbent) for spreading too much butter on his toast and commenting on the price of milk over breakfast. But Denis has been dead eight years, and she has finally agreed to clear out his clothes and belongings, a decision that suddenly floods her with memories of their life together.

It's the personal aspects of Thatcher's life that capture the imagination in Abi Morgan's script: how the Oxford-educated daughter of a Grantham grocer (played as a young woman by Alexandra Roach) loses her first bid for parliament, immediately after which young Denis (Harry Lloyd) proposes. How she sacrifices mothering her twins for public service, storming the House of Commons in her powder-blue suits and string of pearls. How she agrees to a makeover, including voice lessons worthy of *The King's Speech*, to run for leadership of the Conservative Party, an office even she never thought a woman could win.



At her side throughout is affable Denis, who haunts her to this day, keeping her company even as she knows his presence in her chambers is a sign of her senility. Ultimately, *The Iron Lady* could be a love story?

In contrast, the highlights of Thatcher's controversial career – spending cuts during a period of recession and high unemployment; race-riots in our inner cities; war with Argentina over the Falkland Islands; Miners' Strike; IRA hunger strike; the Poll Tax that leads to civil unrest – are managed in abbreviated montages that don't do the woman or these events justice. Director Phyllida Lloyd needed a much longer running time or more finesse or both to cover all this material in a satisfying way. Her talent as a director lies in the details.

Lloyd's coup was in casting Streep, whose physical transformation by J. Roy Helland, overseen by makeup and hair designer Marese Langan, is remarkable – even her teeth appear altered by prosthetic. But it's Streep's

portrait of the Iron Lady that is memorable and moving – of an ageing woman who can't get around so well anymore, who understands she gets confused sometimes, who doesn't recognize herself in the mirror, and who struggles to maintain her poise even as the once most powerful woman in the world now depends on others to care for her. Her fate is one to which all can relate.

The Iron Lady is one of those problematic movies that contain several things that are good, and one that is excellent, yet seem in the end to have no particular need to have been made in the first place. I would love to see a real biopic of Margaret Thatcher concentrating on the period leading up to and including her years as Britain's first female Prime Minister and placing her extraordinary career in historical perspective. Sadly what *The Iron Lady* gives us instead is a peculiar focus on an elderly woman, in ill health and suffering from mental confusion, with occasional flashbacks to her earlier years when she was doing the things that made us interested in her life.

Still, Meryl Streep delivers not only the performance of the year but perhaps of her career, and the movie is worth seeing for her performance alone. She is ably supported by, among others, Olivia Colman as her daughter Carol, and Anthony Head as Geoffrey Howe, Thatcher's Deputy Prime Minister and Nicholas Farrell as Airey Neave MP, who befriended her after she first entered parliament in 1959.

During World War II, Neave was one of the few servicemen to escape from the German prisoner-of-war camp Oflag IV-C at Colditz Castle. He later became MP for Abingdon, and the Tories' spokesmen on Northern Ireland in Thatcher's first shadow cabinet. He was assassinated in March 1979 – only a couple of months before the general election that would bring Thatcher to power – in a car-bomb attack at the House of Commons by the marxist Irish National Liberation Army (INLA). In the movie Thatcher is seen talking to him in the House of Commons car park only minutes before the explosion.

Five years later the IRA go for Thatcher herself and bomb the Grand Hotel in Brighton – where she is staying during the Tory Party conference. The sound of the bomb going off almost threw me out of my seat – it was that realistic.

Apart from Airey Neave, most of the upper class Tory MPs disliked Thatcher. They hated her lower-middle class background. She was not 'one of them'. After her final cabinet meeting, where she really laid into a number of her male ministers, who she deemed weak and spineless. One of them is heard to say to Cecil Parkinson, "I would not even speak to my game-keeper like that". Classic.

In some ways, *The Iron Lady* provides an ironic counterpoint to last year's much-honored *The King's Speech*. Whereas Tom Hooper's movie portrays an England unified by common beliefs (including an extraordinary faith in the monarchy as well as the elected government), Thatcher's years as Prime Minister included the destruction of so much of our common culture that it is hard to see how we can ever be a "united kingdom" again.

Reviewed by Mark Cotterill, Preston, Lancashire



Hail Thatcher – The Nazis (sorry Tories) move into No. 10. Margaret Thatcher (with husband Denis and London's finest) outside 10 Downing Street the morning after her first General Election victory. May 4th 1979.